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Britain builds up balance of payments record

Britain's surplus on the balance of payments reached £2,610m in the third quarter of the year, bringing the accumulated surplus for the first nine months of 1977 to £5,431m—by far the highest figure ever achieved, even in a full year.

Surplus of £5,431m creates problems

By Melvyn Westiake

Eritain is rapidly piling up
the largest balance of payments
suplus that it has ever had.

With the overseas trade
accounts now in the black and
capital flowing into the country
on a large scale, the surplus on
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ometer of the year, according quarter of the year, according to official figures published yes-

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SALE is by far the highest figure ever
achieved, even in a full year. Because the Government took action at the end of October to deter the inflow of volatile foreign capital into the country, the balance of payments surplus seems likely to be much smaller in the final months of this year than it has recently been.

But, even so, unless there is a sudden collapse of foreign confidence in Britain, the total for the year is certain to be mprecedently large. This is in sharp contrast to the position in 1976 when there was a balance of payments deficit of

However, this year's surplus is also creating considerable difficulties for economic ministers. Some components of the capital inflow are unwel-nue, particularly the so-called "hot" money which could edickly flow out again.

-It is bard to know how much of the inflow is "het" money; but rough calculations suggest that between \$2,500m and \$2,000m invested in London this year could come into this

Much of this money has been invested in government stocks, Treasury bills, sterling certificares of deposit and other financial assets.

It is the fear of a sudden reversal of these money flows that has made the Government respond so cautiously to sug-gestions that it should make premature repayments of our foreign debts or relax foreign exchange controls.

The second problem created by this "hot" money is that increases sterling's use as vehicle currency for capital transactions at a time when the Government is committed to reducing the pound's historical fole as a reserve currency.

In a strict sense this refers to the sterling reserves held by foreign governments, rather than the holdings of corpora-

But, it has long been the intention to phase our sterling's official reserve role, and the build up of privately-held sterling balances is clearly unsatisfactory in this context. Apart from this the inflow of capital has made the control of the money supply more difficult. Money supply growth now exceeds the Chancellor's target, and this was why the pound was allowed to float freely on the foreign exchanges at the end of October.

Until then the Bank of ingland had been preventing a rise in the exchange rate by purchasing foreign currencies, and matching these purchases with sales of sterling to the full

extent required. Yesterday's figures show that there was a surplus on the current account of the balance of payments—visible and in-visible trade taken together— of £399m in the third quarter of the year. This was the first quarterly surplus on the cur-rent account for five years, and compared with a £280m deficit in the second quarter.

Investment and other capital inflows amounted in £1,373m during the July-September period. There was also another large positive balancing item amounting to several hundred million pounds. The balancing item capital amounters there exists item embraces those capital movements which government statisticians have been unable

to identify specifically. Not all the capital inflows represent "hor" or potentially reversible money movements. Some of the, increase in Britain's reserves results from factors like the foreign sale of shores in British Petroleum and changes in exchange courols.
Some companies have also
found it prudent to change
rheir export and import credit policies because of the apprecia

tion of the pound and the de-There seems to have been an investment by private non-residents of at least £186m in government stocks in the third quarter, bringing the total to more than £500m in the first nine months of the year.

There was also an identified investment in the July-Sep-tember period of £323m by private non-residents in Treasury bills and other financial assets, bringing the total this year to around £870m.

The overseas investment in government stocks this year is alone more than five times higher than such investment in the whole of 1976.

Commons to debate Polish deal subsidies

Britain may pay well over half the real cost of the f115m Polish shipbuilding order, which has been hit by industrial trouble, but Department of Industry officials insist that the complex deal is aimed at gerting most of the money back. They said yesterday that the eventual cost to the Government would be the order's actual subsidy, believed to be between £25m and £30m, and the cost of credit for much of the Polish share.

actual subsidy, believed to be between £25m and £30m, and the cost of credit for much of the Polish share.

Details of key aspects of the agreement with the Poles are still being kept secret more than a fortwight after the deal was signed by Mr Varley, the Secretary of State for Industry.

Despite Mr Varley, the Secretary of State for Industry.

Despite Mr Varley's assurances that the financing terms had been approved by the European Commission, suspicion has mounted among British shipowaers that Polska Zegula Morska (PZM), their state-owned opposite number in Poland, had gained considerable help from the British taxpayer. Fred Emery writes: The Conservatives are to initiate a Commons debate next Monday on the deal it was learned last might. The Shadow Cabinet, in making its choice of Opposition business on its supply day, was aware that the Government might seek to defiate the debate's impact by belatedly publishing details of the contract. But senior Conservatives, as they have indicated with recent questions to Ministers, believe that the whole question of the amount of subsidies involved are an urgent public issue, regardless of whether the figures are disclosed by Monday.

One valid reason for the Government's delay, it seems, is that the contract still has to be finally signed. This completion is expected before the weekend, and could then lead to release of the full details—including whether the Government come clean with all the details by the end of the debate; but that remains to be decided.

The Tories would probably not push the issue to a vote had the Government come clean with all the details by the end of the debate; but that remains to be decided.

In the Commons yesterday, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Conserva-

to be decided.

In the Commons yesterday,
Mr Nicholas Ridley, Conservative MP for Circucester and
Tewkesbury, called for an im-Tewkesbury, called for an immediate statement by ministers on the financial arrangements for the deal. His call for an emergency debate on the grounds that the deal would cost taxpayers 185m was runged down by the Speaker

Pointing to the "Isrge quantity of money" involved and the "extremely advantageous nature" of the contract, Mr

nature" of the contract, Mr Ridley said: "It makes the re-cent scandal in relation to the Crown Agents seem like a

He argued that the facts should be given by the Government, which he said was refusing to disclose them "despite their protestations that it believes in open government." In a written reply to Mr Michael Grylls, Conservative MP for Surrey North-West, Mr MP for Surrey North-West, Mr Gerald Kaufman, Minister for Industry, disclosed that the Anglo-Polish company set up to control the shipbuilding ven-ture would have a British presi-debt and a Polish managing director. Both countries would also nominate one director each



Eyes fixed on the conductor, Philip Spencer, aged 10, of Hazelrigge School, Clapham, London, awaits his cue at the 1977 Schools Steelband Festival at the Commonwealth Institute, London, yesterday.

London lift men vote for return to work

By Our Labour Staff

Lift engineers whose strike has caused misery to council tenants, office workers and others will end a series of meetings tomorrow that will determine if there is to be a return to work next week. They are members of the Electricai, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing

The London area, the lartoted yesterday to accept a eace offer. Other areas are olidly against ending the stoppage, notably the Glasgow dis-thict, with 180 members.

The London vote was crucial nd there is a strong chance that there will be peace, voting hes been divided into 2 lareas. and the outcome will be known tomorrow afternoon when Southampton and Liverpool have decided.

The 4,000 strikers are voting on an offer that would reise the industry's wage bill by the moustry's wage bill by about 10 per cent, giving in-creases of between £4.18 and £7.14, providing new rates of nearly £48 to nearly £64. The industry works heavy overtima and earning would increase be-tween £9 and £13.

to the four-wan board.

He explained that the United Kingdom members would be nominated by the state-owned Continued on page 21, col 3

Woman psychiatrist awarded £243,309

award was protected against in-flation. Because of the size of

the award he granted a stay on £131,000 of the damages pending an appeal. Dr Poh Sim Plowright, Dr Lia's sister, said later: "It is one of those cases that make you wonder whether euthanasia could be a need this in a period of the cases that make you wonder whether euthanasia could be a need this in a period of the cases."

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mission's own index for lest month showed a rise over the

November at an annual rate of 5.8 per cent Page 21

Kennedy murder

The RBI yesterday opened its files on the assassination of

President Kennedy to the public. The files, totalling 40,000 pages, have been made available under the Freedom of In-

formation Act after requests from more than 50 organiza-

Prosecutions for

fraud increasing

Prosecutions for suspected social security fraud are expected to rise by a third to 25,000 this year. Mr Orme, Minister of Social Security, said

however that his main aim was to prevent fraud Page 2

The National Bus Company is

launching a campaign to encour-age village communities to run

Liberation by

files opened

six months to the end

were awarded in the High Court to Dr Lim Poh Choo, a woman psychiatrist, who, in the words of Mr Justice Bristow, was con-demned to a "living death" by a hospital blunder while under-going a minor operation. The award was against Camden and Islington Area Health Authority, which admitted negligence. The judge said that Dr Lim was in

South Africa jobs Inflation index code bars racism down to 5.8 pc A code intended to eliminate New Price Commission figures racial discrimination over jobs suggest that the fall in the and pay in South Africa has inflation rate will persist well been annunced by the intenthal and pay in the second annunced by the intenthal and pay in the second annunced by the intenthal and pay in the second annunced by the intenthal and pay in the second annunced by the intenthal annual pays and pays the second annual pays the second a

country's ten biggest employer organizations, representing 90 per cent of commerce and industry. Outlining the details, a spokesman denied that it was inspired by pressure from abroad Page 6

Mr Kitson splits left

Labour's internal feud over Labour's internal feud over relations with east European communists flared up at a meeting of the party's international committee. The left was fletcely divided over the riews of Mr Alex Kitson, who again assisted that Pravda had misreported his recent speech in the Soviet Union. Mr Foot criticized his views Page 2

Sir John Kerr leaves office

Sir John Kerr, the Australian Governor-General, who dismissed the Whitlam Government two years ago, hus ended his term of office. He announced his resignation in June because of the controversy that communed over his decision. He is succeeded by Sir Zelman Cowen, former Vice-Chancellor of Queensland University Page 6

Anger at power cuts in France

Random electricity cuts imposed by French power workers in protest at the Government's austerity programme have provoked angry protests from many employers. Some businessmen have taken to the streets to show their

self-help minibuses. A retired headmaster who is secretary of a successful Norfolk scheme said the service had liberated Urban crisis warning: Mr Michael Heseltine, Conservative spokesman on the environment,

minibus

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Israel ready to sign Sadat pact as step to overall peace

Diplomatic Correspondent

separate peace treaty with Egypt if President Sadat should come to the conclusion that the other Arab states were not willing to join in, Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, said yesterday. But such a treaty, Mr Begin emphasized, would be only a first stage towards a comprehensive agreement of peaco treaties with all of Isroel's neighbours. It was this com-prehensive agreement which Israel was seeking and ho remained hopeful that there would be a Geneva peace con-ference.

Mr. Regin who left

Israel was prepared to sign a

Mr Begin, who left London yesterday after his five-day visit, added that the Egyptians had said they expected the coming negotiations in Cairo to last for several weeks. That last for several weeks. That was fine with Israel. Asked if he would be going to Cairo, Mr Begin did not rule out the idea, but said he would do so when

invited.

Looking none the worse for the stomach reset which had led to his cancelling his engagements on Tuesday. Mr Eggin gave a press conference before his departure, at which he revealed a ready wir but kept his diplomatic cards well hid-

den.

Asked whom he thought "the true representatives" of the Palestinan Arabs might be (he had said earlier in the week that Israel would talk to them) he replied tersely: "We shall find them", which drew a laugh. Asked what he might offer to King Husain, he said equally briefly: "We have many offers to make to him", without elaborating.

Mr Begin was highly entertaining, however, in describing his early life and how, after being a prisoner in the Soviet

being a prisoner in the Soviet Union, he lauded un as a private in the Polish Army (apparently his life is to be made into a film), which was how he got out to Palestine. "I was in your country once",

he told a former Soviet am-bassador. "Yes, but not in good conditions", the envoy replied, which Mr Begin re-called yesterday as a classic example of Russian under-

One of the requests he made in London of Mr Callaghan was to intercede with the Soviet authorities on behalf of Jewish prisoners of conscience. He also sought the Prime Minister's assistance in perstuding President Assad to allow 800 Jewish families to leave Syria. They were the remnant, Mr Begin said, of a great community of 150,000

great community of 150,000 people.

The mantle of history seems to be round Mr Begin, He described yesterday his sense of elation in greeting President Sadat. Although it was probably chance. Mr Begin said, that had made him the first Israeli Prime Minister to gav an offi-Prime Minister to pay an offi-cial visit to Britain, he clearly felt that something of the spirit of the days of the Baliour De-

of the days of the Belfour Declaration 60 years ago, had been revived during his stay.

The British role, as Mr Eegin would wish it, seems quite a simple one. He has asked the Prime Minister to dissuade the members of the European Community from making statements which might interfere with the prime objective of direct negotiations between Israel and Egypt and, if possible, the other Arnb countries.

Nor does Mr Begin see the American role as a participa-

tory one, at least so for as guarantees are concerned. "Israel does not roly on guarantees", he said firmly. "We have made it clear several times. We have to make it even clearer today. In the whole world there is no guarantee that can guaran tee an international guarantee." He added: "We do not want anybody to shed their blood for us. When we talk about a peace treaty we mean as established by international law. Peace comes after war."

Photograph, page 6

Egypt closes Soviet cultural centres

From Our Correspondent
Cairo, Dec 7
Egypt today closed down the
cultural centres of the Soviet
Union and other Eastern block
countries in renalization for
Moscow's bitter criticism of
President Sadat's Middle East

are those of the Soviet Union, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslo-yakia and East Germany in Cairo and Alexandria, these countries' consular offices in Alexandria, Port Said and Aswan have also been shut.

Mr Mamduh Salem, the
Prime Minister, told the
People's Assembly (Parliament) that the centres were used for "Marxist and communist pro-paganda instead of informing pagada instead of intorning the Egyptian people about the civilization, history and tradi-tions of their peoples".

Mr Salem also accused the Soviet Union and East Euro-pean countries of "infiltrating popular organizations and trade unions in violation of all egreements regulating these centres' activities ".
Egyptian-Sovier relations have been deteriorating since Presi-

dent Sadat expelled about 20,000 Soviet military advisors in July, 1972. He later accused Moscow of denying him wespons to make up for Egypt's losses during the war with Israel in October, 1973, and also complained that the Soviet Union had turned a deaf ear to schedule debts owed to Moscow, estimated at more than \$8,000m (£4,400m).

In 1976, Egypt abrogated a friendship and mutual coopera-

tion with the Sovier Union and cancelled facilities for Soviet naval vessels at Egyptian ports. Two months ago President Sudat decided to stop paying instalments of military debts for 10 years as from next month. He said Egypt was not shunging its commitment to repay debts but only seeking a grace period.

The Sovier Union has attacked the Sadat visit to Jerusalem and his peace initiatives and rejected an invitation to outend the Cairo meeting planned to prepare for the resumption of the Geneva con-ference.

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Call to reject cuts in overseas student total continuing fall of recurrent in-come a student from the

Education Correspondent Universities are being advised to ignore the Government's request to reduce the total number of oversoas stuin 1975-76. The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and principals has recommended that univershies "should not depart from their current non-discrimina-tory practices" on admissions. At present universities have no separate quotas for overseas students. Where they do im-

nose a limit on the total stu-dent enrolment they allow open competition between oversees and home students. Over the past six years the proportion of overseas students grown to 12 per cent, or an eighth of all students. There are now about 34,000 Five killed in U2

crash at RAF

base in Cyprus

Nicosia, Dec 7.-A United

States Air Force U2 reconnais-

sauce aircraft crashed when it

was taking off today from the

RAF base at Akrotici, killing

Cypriot civilians. A British

spokesman said seven people

were injured one a British

civilian working at the base,

The U2 crashed as it was

taking off on a routine recon-taking off on a routine recon-taissance flight over the Egyptian-Israeli disengagement zone in the Sinai desert.

All the injured are being

treated at the base hospital.

Three are RAF men, one a mem-

ber of the Women's Royal Air

Force and two are Greek

The U2 crashed into a com-

plex of buildings at the side of

flames on impact.-Reuter.

Cypriot civilians.

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for entry next year indicate that overseas admissions will continue to rise at a faster rate than those for home stuhave great difficulty in reduc-ing numbers to the 1975-76 total of 31,500.

in British universities has numbers to be reduced next

dents if present admission poli-cies continue. Even if restric-

Under the Race Relations
Act. 1976, the educational provisions of which came into
force on September 1 this
year, the establishment of
separate quotas for overseas
students would be illegal. However. Mrs Williams, Secretary
of Street for Education and under arrangements

overseas students in univer-sities. Applications received tions were imposed they would

State for Education and ience, has invoked section 41 the Act to enable overseas

approved by her.

tation on numbers is severe. If a university exceeds the approved number, that is its total in 1975-76, the arrangements do not receive the Secretary of State's approval, and the university will have approved a university will have

operated a quota system in breach of the law. The admission procedures were not capable of being cision contemplated by the approved arrangements, Sir Roy Marshall, secretary-general of the committee, said yester-

On tuition fees, the committee has advised universities to continue to operate the same definitions of "home" and "overseas" students for fee purposes as before the Race Relations Act came into force.

Government. A further fall would inevitably mean a reduc-tion in the standards of teaching and research. Sir Roy Marshall referred resterday to government figures provided in a Commons

written reply on Monday that showed that the universities' average income a student by way of recurrent grant and tu-tion fees had fallen in real terms over the past five years from £2,825 in 1973 to £2,565 in the present year, and that it was expected to fall further to £2,500 by 1980. (All prices are at 1977-78 levels.)

At least £20m more is needed in the way of capital finance from the Government to provide for the expected enrolment of 290,000 by 1980, On university finance, the enrolment of 290,00 committee says the "critical the committee says. Printers urge

The National Union of

not to deal with members of the rival, non-TUC, Institute of Journalists was rejected.

eacy committee meeting on Monday to plan stoppages where support exists among the hundred newspaper titles owned by Westminster Press in addi-tion to those already involved

iournalists to end strike By Christopher Thomas

ressure from the TUC printing An NUJ motion urging unions

The NUI has called an emer-

Journalists came under strong

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent The start of the British Airways/Singapore Airlines Con-corde service between London and Singapore, due comorrow, the pilot and four Greek- was in doubt last night after an announcement by the Malaysian Government that it was not prepared to allow the supersonic aircraft to fly through its air traffic control With one stop at Bahrain, Negotiations between London and Kuala Lumpur con-

over Concorde route

Malaysia refuses to relent

tinued throughout the day, but the Department of Trade in London confirmed the ban last night and said. "We are now urgently considering what action to take."

be made today, and there is in British Airways livery on still hope that the issue can be one side and Singapore Airresolved before the calculations. one side and Singapore Air-lines livery on the other. The resolved before the scheduled single fare is £754.50, com-pared with £656 first-class single by subsonic airliner. first flight at 1 pm tomorrow.

Malaysia is worried about the Concorde's environmental

effects and refuses to allow it to fly down the coast to Singa-pore even at subsonic speeds. It has not accepted assurances that British Airways' experience of nearly two years' commercial supersonic operations with the Concorde, to the Middle East and South and North America, has disclosed no deleterious effects.

the new service is planned to fly passengers from London to Singapore in nine and a half-hours, compared with the fastest subsonic flying time of 15 hours. When the London-Singspore air route opened, 44 years ago tomorrow, the journey took nine and a helf days.

industries committee in London yesterday to find a peace formula to end a six-month strike by 105 of its members centred on Darlington, over the closed shop principle. Printing union leaders made clear that there would be no future support for NUJ closed shops unless action was coordinated among all the unions.

Left split on

Labour's internal feud over

Those involved directly or in-

directly at a meeting of the party's international committee

Sensing that their rivals were divided, the right wing stayed away, leaving the left to light it out among themselves.

The left showed some unani

Harold and his comments on a

recent article on Eurocom-munism in which he criticized

M François Mitterrand, the French socialist leader, for sug-gesting electoral alliances with

That article has brought a

list Party, and yesterday the intermetional committee "regretted" Sir Harold's clash with party policy. It was particularly concerned because M Mitterrand had been a swister

to the amust conference this year and also because the party bad nominated Sir Harold as a vice-president of the Socialist International.

Concerned at the party split

over the Eastern European com-munists, the committee has in-

structed its secretary, Miss Jennie Little, to draft a working

The fiercest divisions inside

ported him. He had not said

years or that Russia was a bet-ter place to live in than Britain.

better to work discreetly to free dissidents instead of making

public comments, Mr Heffer re-torted: "How can you claim that as a socialist victory when

they should not be in prison in the first place?"

Mr Foot and Miss Lestor re-jected Mr Kitson's view that the Soviet Union had full em-ployment and said direction of labour was not the way to solve

Defenders of Mr Kitson in-cluded Mr Mikardo, committee

chairman, Mr John Forrester, of the Amalgamated Union of En-gineering Workers, Mr Allaum

the committee to approve a resolution endorsing Mr Kitson, Mr Foot objected and the mat-ter was allowed to rest.

Renewed catls

When Mr Forrester asked

and Mrs Renée Short.

When Mr Kitson said it was

communist parties in Europe.

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relations

with east

Europe

By Michael Hatfield

Social security prosecutions for suspected fraud likely to rise by a third to 25,000 this year

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent Prosecutions for suspected social security frauds are expected to rise by about a third this year, to about 25,000. That represents a trebling of prosecutions since 1970, and the proportion of suspected fraud cases taken to court in the same period has risen from less than a third to more than 42 per

The figures were disclosed vesterday in the report by the Coordinating Committee on Abuse, set up in July, 1976, by Mr Orme, Minister of Social Security, to implement a sixpoint plan against fraud. Mr Orme described yesterday's oblication as a positive step forward in open government.

The report says 55 people were arrested in the first six moths of this year in cases involving organized crime, and uncasted social security orders rth £400,000 were recovered. in 1976, 92 people were arrested in cases involving organized crime. Seventy of them were tried and convicted during the year and they are serving sentences of up to seven years'

Mr Orme said his main aim was to prevent fraud. "Higher figures of prosecutions are not an end in themselves. I have therefore insisted that still

to using the knowledge we gain commi about fraud to prevent or reduce the opportunities for similar frauds in the future."

Action taken includes more vigorous measures to recover compensation, through the courts, the redesign of both payment books and giro orders to prevent fraud, and a com-plete revision of training for

fraud specialists. All local offices had been issued with a "fraud aware-ness package" illustrating the main kinds of fraud used to exploit social security, and the package had been used as the basis for a widespread training programme. Proposed measures included a comprehensive review of special investigation work, including the possibility of merging the fraud squads of the Departments of Health and

'Orme said 385 more specialists had been recruited in the past 18 months, and 300 additional man-years had been

Social Security and of Employ-

A review of the work of unemployment review officers, who interview longer-term unwho interview longer-term un-employed people drawing supplementary benefit, had begun to consider whether they should extend their activities to people drawing unemploy-

tee was also proposing a num ber of studies on procedures. information difficulties and preventive measures over

Mr Orme said in a Commons written reply announcing the publication of the report: "In a social security system which makes about 21 million payments each week and pays out nearly £13,000m in benefits year the processes of claiming and payment must be geared to the needs of the overwhelming majority of benefici-aries, who are entirely honest. "We identified a figure of "We identified a figure of \$2.6m as the amount lost through fraud in 1975-76, about 13p in every \$50 we paid. But, according to an estimate by the Supplementary Benefits Commission, the amount of unclaimed supplementary benefit is perhaps a hundred times greater than that."

Mr Orme hopes to decide early next year whether to propose new legislation to deal with collusive employers, who take on people drawing social

take on people drawing social security. People drawing benefit and working comprise more than half the fraud cases prosecuted each year, and the re-port proposes that collusion by employers should be made a specific offence.

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Big victory for the left in election of senior shop stewards at Leyland

Leyland faces the threat of a clash at its Cowley assembly plant after moderates suffered a heavy defeat in elections of senior shop stewards.

The company formally told the Transport and General Workers Union last night that it would not recognize as a deputy senior steward Mr Alan Thornett, a left-winger and one of the eight men whose election was declared vesterday. Mr Thornett is a leading member of the Workers' Socialist League, a small Trotskyist

Another successful candidate was Mr Robert Fryer, who ousted by 1,195 to 995 votes the leading moderate in the plant and until yesterday its senior shop steward there, Mr Reg

The company has said for two years that as a matter of policy it will not recognize Mr Thornett, other than as a steward in his own department (transport), where he works as

A clash was averted in January, 1976, when he was defeated in the last elections for the posts of senior shop steward and the seven deputy senior



Mr Reg Parsons: Defeated by backlash against pay pack-

The latest poll was generally low, and from about 4,500 eligible to yote, Mr Thornett received 796 vates. However, the reversal of last year's victory for Mr Parsons and his allies appears to have reflected discontent among TGWU memhers who were against the Leyland pay reform deal. of detail, was a supporter of

the proposals, which were accepted by a majority of nearly two to one in a secret ballot of Leyland Cars employees lest month. the left came over Mr Kitson's praise for the Soviet Union. Mr Kitson said Pravda had misrethat Russia had achieved more in 50 years than Britain in 300

One of the effects of the deal, which from next year will bring all settlements under the same anniversary dete, will be to loosen the grip that stewards and local officials enjoy through the plant system of new negotiations.

pay negotiations.

Mr David Buckle, Oxford district society of the TGWU, said last night: "I did predict that there would be some backlash against the Leyland peckage and I think there has been a sign of this in these elections."

Mr Fryer, Mr Thorness and eight other TGWU members at Cowley are to appear before a disciplinary panel set up by the union's district committee, which starts its hearings today.

The allegations against them have not been disclosed but they are said to range from complaints that they left union meetings without permission to charges of bringing the union into disrepute.

Mr Frank Corti, also an opponent of Mr Parsons and another of the victors in yes-terday's elections, is understood

Bipartisan policy on Ulster Driver banned assembly faces strain his party's hostility to any form

From Christopher Walker

rarty spokesman on Northern Ireland, gave a warning yesterday that the bipartisan policy at Westminster would come under strain in the new year if the Government refused to spell things out and come the government refused to spell things out and come the government refused to spell things out and come the government refused to spell things out and come the government refused to spell things out and come the government refused to spell things out and come the government can be a say what powers the envisaged assembly will have they can be a say what powers the envisaged assembly will have they can be a say what powers the envisaged assembly will have they can be a say what powers the envisaged assembly will have they can be a say what powers the envisaged assembly will have they can be a say what powers the envisaged assembly will have they can be a say what powers the envisaged assembly will have they can be a say what powers the envisaged assembly will have they can be a say what powers the envisaged assembly will have they can be a say what powers the envisaged assembly will have they can be a say what powers the envisaged assembly will have they can be a say what powers the envisaged assembly will have they can be a say what powers the envisaged assembly will have they can be a say what powers the envisaged assembly will have they can be a say what powers the envisaged assembly will have they can be a say what powers the envisaged assembly will have they can be a say what powers the envisaged assembly will have they can be a say what powers the envisaged as a say what powers the say what powers the envisaged as a say what powers t if the Government refused to give details of plans for the proposed assembly in the prorince.
The warning came at the end

of a three-day tour that inclu-ded meetings between Mr Neave and local politicians. It Neave and local politicians. It coincided with a growing mood of pessimism among Ulster's political leaders about the prospects for the latest round of talks on interim devolution.

During a critical press conference Mr Neave dismissed the new talks as "waffle", adding that it was the correct description of circular conversations that led nowhere.

He approuped that he would be pressing Mr Mason. Secre-

he pressing Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, to publish a plan our-lining specific powers for the assembly as soon as Parliament reassembled at Westminster next month. Mr Neave restated

services in Ulster such as education, health, roads and plan-ning were controlled entirely

by officials or the nominees of

tier of local government, accord- administrative devolution

ing to Mr John Taylor, a former
Northern Ireland minister and a leading member of the official of devolution, which has Unionist Party. He was speaking in London at a meeting of the British Irish Association on "The Unionist Case".

Important local government torries in Ulster such as edu.

Party gave them power-sharing.

ministers in the Northern Ire-land Office, Mr Taylor said.

Democratic control ought to be restored. Instead of that

Pets cemetery plan rejected

A plan to create a pets' cemetery at Banks, Lancashire, has been dismissed after a public inquiry by Mr Conway Stow, who suggested in his mont of the Environment. Planning permission had been refused by the local council after protests from villagers and clergy.

An append against that after might be a demand, but said it was not a local one. One of

bility."

Party gave them, power-sharing in Cabinet, is no longer a possi-

Mr Taylor also said that while

who was driving a Maserati car which was in a crash that killed Peter Houseman, the Oxford United and former Chelsea footballer, and three other people, drove with maniacal to spell things out and come clean, we can only expect cynicism and disappointment in the future". Less than 24 hours before Mr Neave's outspoken attack on government policy the first of the planned series of talks between individual parties and senior civil servants took place at Stormont. Afterwards, leaders of the Official Unionists described themselves as bitterly disappointed with the results. Mr West, overall party leader, said: "I do not honestly believe there is any base in the Next week government advisers will meet the three other main parties. But local observers believe that the slow

negotiations are doomed to failure because of the refusal of either of the two main power blocks to compromise on the crucial question of straring appalling.
The court was told that Mr Smith's Maserati, worth £16,000, was travelling at 80 to 100 mph. It turned broadside across the road and crashed Unionist criticizes Mason policy on local government Mr Mason has probably Mr Mason was combining the lessened the chances of political movement in Northern Ircland for the present by rejecting the separate questions of democratic control of local government and a devolved parliament for Ulster in pursuit of "a prior of local government according to the separate questions of the present of

and fined £4,000 over four deaths From Our Correspondent

people, drove with maniacal fury, Judge Anwyt Davies, QC, said at St Albans Crown Court, Hertfordshire, yesterday. He said Mr Smith was totally incompetent to handle the 160 mph Maserati car he had bought only a month before the crash. Mr Smith, of Shottesbrooke Park, White Wattham, Berkshire, was found guilty of causing the four deaths by dangerous driving. The jury acquitted him of driving white unfit through drink and being drunk in charge of a car.

He was fined £4,000, to be paid within three months or face nine months jail. He was also banned from driving for also banned from driving for 10 years and ordered to take a test before he can drive again. Judge Anwyl-Davies said Mr Smith's driving record was

across the road and crashed with an oncoming car.

The four people inside, Peter Houseman, aged 30, his wife, Sally, aged 29, of Blenheim Drive, Witney, near Oxford, and the driver, Mrs Rosemary Fillham, aged 29, and her busband, Alan, aged 41, of Queen Emma's Dyke, Witney, were all killed. Each couple had three children.

Sir Harold denies pledge

on Harriers to Russians Sir Harold Wilson last night report on the Foreign and Com-lenied reports that he told the monwealth Office, by Mr Soviet Covernment, when he Gerard Mansel, managing direcdenied reports that he told the Soviet Government, when he was Prime Minister in February, 1975, that there would be no

being sold to China. He also denied other press reports yesterday that he was responsible for back-door pres-sure on the BBC over pro-

Sir Harold said in a state ment: "The Daily Telegraph ... assert that I rold the Soviet Government in February, 1975, that there would be no question of Harriers being sold to China. I did not. I have discussed this

Sir Harold's statement also deals with a Daily Mail report referring to evidence given before a Commons all-party committee studying the Berrill

tor of BBC external services. Mr Mansell said that in 1967 Mr Mansell said that in 1967
a programme about a book by
Stelin's daughter was postponed
for 48 hours because the Russians had said it would jeopardize negoriations with Lord
George-Brown, then in Moscow
as Foreign Secretary.

Mr Mansell also said an in-terview about a book on President Amin was postponed for three weeks because it had been made clear that it might endanger the lives of Britons in

Sir Harold's statement says:
"Again, I have no recollection
of this and a search of Number 10 files confirms that this did not occur. These two stories are therefore categorically denied."

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Today

Sun cises: Sun sets: 7.53 am ... 3.52 pm

Moon rises: Moon sets:
4.35 am 2.36 pm
New moon: December 10.

lagning up: 4.22 pm to 7.24 am. Bigh water: London Bridge, 11.16 am. 6.8m (22.4ft); 11.54 pm. 7.2m (22.5ft). Avonmouth, 4.37 am. 11.7m (38.5ft); 5.1 pm. 12.3m (40.2ft). Dover, 8.27 am. 6.4m (21.0ft); 9.2 pm. 6.5m (21.2ft). Hull, 3.22 am. 6.7m (22.0ft); 4.2 pm. 6.9m (22.7ft). Livespool, 8.48 am. 8.7m (28.6ft); 9.9 pm. 8.9m (29.2ft).

A deep low, moving slowly over the Irish Sea, is carrying milder' air to most parts.

Porecasts for 6 am to midnight:

f, fair ; r, rain ; s, sun ; sn, anow.

London, Midlands, E. NW, central N and NE England: Bright and showery on intervals, perhaps showery; wind Saunday: Bright and showery on parts on Saunday; temp near port of 11°C (48°F to 52°F).

SE England, East Anglia and Channel Islands: Bright intervals, Strait of Dover, English Channel

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; d, drizzle ;

Lighting up : 4.22 pm to 7.24 am.

Impressionist paintings lack buyers

The main sale of important paintings and sculpture was 44 per cent unsold; the sale of good, but much less costly, drawings and watercolours was 12 per cent unsold; the sale of contemporary art, which containen few of the really costly high fliers, was 25 per cent unsold.

The indication seems to be that there is an important price barrier

The indication seems to be that there is an important price barrier beyond which few buyers are prepared to go; but there is plently of interest in the period and demand for works in the £1,000 to mand for works in the £1,000 to mand for works in the £1,000 to to £20,000 (estimate £10,000 to £20,000). The sale of drawings was not ably more successful. An anonymous London buyer paid the three top price is a Degas suddy of the day was the period and demands and the sale of drawings was not ably more successful. An anonymous London buyer paid the three top price is all years and the sale of drawings was not ably more successful. An anonymous London buyer paid the three top price is all years are proposed in the sale of drawings was not all years and years are proposed in the sale of drawings was not all years of the sale of drawings was not all years of the sale of drawings was not all years of the sale of drawings was not all years of the sale of drawings was not all years of the sale of drawings was not all years of the sale of drawings was not all years of the sale of drawings was not all years of the sale of drawings was not all years of the sale of drawings was not all years of the sale of drawings was not all years of the sale of drawings was not all years of the sale of drawings was not all years of the sale of drawings was not all years of the sale of drawings was not all years of drawing

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent

Three sales of Impressionist and modern pictures and sculpture at Sotheby's yestenday served to high light the state of the most expensive field of the art market.

The main sale of important paintings and sculpture was 44 per correspondent to the sale of model and mysterious "Les more moderately priced works by European artists mixed in with the American achool than is usual, for high prices at Christie's the day before, were again going belief "went to Okada from Japan at £13,000 (estimate £6,000 to £32,000) for a vast untitled canvas by Franz Kline, of 1955.

£8,000).

A painted wood relief by Jean Arp dated 1915 made £57,000 (estimate £44,000 to £54,000). Juan Gris's "Le verre", of 1917, made £20,000 (estimate £19,000 to £22,000) and Bayden's "L'As do trifle", of 1917, £9,000 (estimate £7,500 to £9,500).

The sale of drawings was notably more successful. An anony-

untitled canvas by Franz Kline, of 1955.

In contrast to modern difficulties, Old Master prints at Christie's were being keenly pursued in a sale totalling \$163,339, with 4 per cent unsold. In New York on Tuesday, a Sotheby sale of printed and manuscript Americana attracted high prices. The most exceptional was \$130,000 (estimate \$40,000 to \$50,000) for the most authoritative account of the first navigation of the world, Pigafetta's Le Voyage et Navigation Fairt parles Sapaignolz es Isles de Molucques, published in Paris in about 1525. The purchaser was Stonehill, a New Haven dealer.

Callaghan hint of European swing RC bishops to increase in public spending could be held on target next the public employment field to

The Prime Minister suggested yesterday that a number of EEC governments, including perhaps the West German, were swing-ing to the British view that there had to be greater public spending to tackle unemploy-

the party's relations with com-munist parties in Eastern Europe flared up again yester-day and looks like continuing well into next year. The Prime Minister also essured MPs, and thus his EEC parmers, that there would be a Commons vote next week on the key issue of the method of election to the European Assembly. included Mr Foot, Leader of the House, Sir Harold Wilson, Mr Alex Kitson, who has been criticized for his comments while in Russia recently, and Mrss Joan Lester, party chair-It is understood that the Government will move so bring forward the relevant clause, so that it can be dealt with "out of time". However, Mr Callaghan, repeating that a deferred election until 1979 would "not be the end of the world", seemed to be signalling his acquiescence in a defeat for the Government's recommended proportional representation system, which is so dear to his Liberal athles. Mr Callaghan holds that it is only with PR elections, based on regional constituencies, that the elections

Answering questions in the

Commons after his unexciting account of this week's European Council of Ministers, Mr Callaghan dropped his muffled hint on public employment in answering Mrs Thatcher. The Leader of the Opposition

had wanted to know whether it was true that there had been considerable differences among the Nine, those most successful in tackling inflation being loath to risk their gains through reflation. Mr Callaghan took Mrs

Thatcher to mean the Germans. But they too, he said, were becoming increasingly concerned over the rise in unemployment and the failure of their economy to grow.

He told Mrs Thatcher that "one of the interesting ideas that came forward" (and he noted that his Labour friends would support it) "is that perhaps, while we all want to see growth in the manufacturing sector and in the service sector. sector and in the service sector, we might have to do more in

the smaller firms council at the CBI, for the NEB to be buying

eto profit-making companies. The NEB at present had too

much power and too much money, and a Conservative

government would act to re-duce both. She wished she could say she would abolish the NEB, but since it now had so

had to move carefully.

Mrs Thatcher was also aghest

to hear one of those present seeking advice about pay "restraint" and "codes". "We have become so bewitched with

restraint that we have forgotten about incentive and opportunity", she said. If the collective road was followed in pay prices would go the same way

By Robert Parker

"If Grunwick has shown anything, it is that the malady of present-day Britain will not be cured until the country has found a solution to the problem of trade union power."

Mr George Ward, in a book he has printen about the history

many large share

provide services and work. I have not heard this view expressed quite so clearly before among a number of members who were present".

he added. Mr Callaghan would not be drawn further on that topic. In Whitehall the view was heard afterwards that while none of the EEC members had actually committed themselves to increases in public spending they had shown an interest in it. Mr Callaghan's formal state-

ment had conveyed what some MPs took to be a British vic-tory in resisting EEC demands for greater Euro-budget contri-

What it means is that, with Britain insisting that her inter-pretation of the treaty of accession is correct, and that no United Kingdom incease is due until 1980, the resulting deficit will be filled by what the Prime Minister called "a contribu-tion". Thus Britain will pay an extra £40.6m next year, and about a third of that sum in

and "you will finish up without an enterprise society".

Wage freezes might become temporary imperatives; but no

one had made fixed codes work. As for the Government's 10 per

cent figure, that was a mistake; it had immediately become a

Mrs Thatcher said that to

while losing huse amounts.

Mrs Thatcher suggested that

people were already rebelling against the idea of the increas-

ing social wave. At least they did not want it at the expense

Thatcher plea to small businessmen 'not to go down the collective road'

coldings they

Behind the drawbridge

By Our Political Editor Mrs Thatcher bounced back esterday from trips to Brussels and Belgrade with an impassioned plea to British small businessmen not to "go down the collective road". The Leader of the Opposition, who was talking of the domestic path, was evidently rejecting through reassertion of her own

position the new-tyle pay policy being toyed with by Mr Healey and Mr Callaghan. At the same time she attacked another collective, the National Enterprise Board, for hanonal enterprise source, for its buying into the Fairey com-pany. It was "totally and utterly wrong", she told ques-tioners after a luncheon with

Firemen's union leaders consider employers' talks

By Our Labour Staff
The Fire Brigades Union executive will today consider progress towards a formula for regulating firemen's pay in future. It will have before it an informal execution of extenday's informal report of yesterday's local authority deliberations which the Prime Minister has said should form the basis of a

Striking firemen staged a twoour sit in at TUC headquarters in London yesterday in protest against the refusal of other unions to give them official

The demonstration by 20 firemen from London stations was part of a national day of action by the Fire Brigades Union.

After a brief meeting with Mr Norman Willis, TUC deputy for Liddle

Towers inquiry

The Government is to face renewed pressure for a public inquiry into the case of Mr Liddle Towers who died from injuries three weeks after his arrest by Northumbria police in January, 1976.

On Monday an adjournment debate will be held in the Commons. Mr Gles Radicie Labour MP for Chester-les Street, said he hed more than 25 names for an early-day motion expressing concern.

Mr Raigh Bell, chairman of the Lidile Towers Committee, told MPs lest might that "a public inquiry would be in the interests of the administration of justice.

A loundtime march by 50 striking firemen from Shore-disch to Whitechapel caused traffic confusion in the City. In Norfolk, firemen left their picket lines at King's Lyam to attend a fire, in which James O'Brien, aged 22 months, died. His brother, Lee, aged four, was rescued by an uncle. The two children had been alone in their home at Pasture Close, Hilling ton, when fire broke out.

Mrs Dorothy Charlton, a widow, aged 81, died in a fire at her home in Holloway, London, yesterday morning. Her body was found in a bedroom.

Mr George Ward, in a book he has written about the bitter, and often violent, dispute that has turned the London photo-finishing company of which he is managing director into a household name, adds that had the defigue of Grunwick been his only monivating force he iwould have packed his bags for Australia long since to make living out of canning fruit. He sees himself in the front line of a battle exsinst an in-exorable move towards a Big Brother corporate arampled on by overnighty bullying trade unions which are afforded all kinds of privileges

accorded an isoms of brivileges conside the law.

Mr Ward says that he is not an e-onion per se, but he is uttenly opposed to present trade union activity and anicude.

"I have been described as a

An Anglo-Italian radio venture is to be isunched tonight by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Mr Healey will contribute—in Italian—to the first edition of Europa '78, a European news magazine which will go out weekly on RAI, the Italian

at 'Fort Grunwick' "union-bashing" employer— which is rather like taking about an elephant-bashing ter-rier", he writes. "I have been supported by a couple of hun-dred employers and a few out-side friends and against us has been ranged the combined might of the TUC, with over 11,500,000 members, not to

mention the Government and their other supporters. "Yet, as our small band of workers has made its way through a threatening mob through a threatening mob thousands strong, that mob has still managed to retain in many people's eyes the image of the autiering underdog bravely standing up to the brutal power of an oppressive reudal

whether the real Tolpuddle Martyrs would have recognized as their rightful descendants the howing crowd of pickets trying by obstruction and threats to prevent some frail girl getting to the job she had made up her mind she wanted to go on doing."

Fort Gruswick, Georgie Ward

Fort Grosswick, Georgie Ward (Temple Smith, £4.50). The aftermath, page 16

BBC joins with Italians

national network, and over the BBC's Indian service, which has 500,000 regular listeners.

Each programme will be an Anglo-duction, pooling the resources of Bush House and Rome in a 15-minute selection of news, special reports and feature material.

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Moray Firth, NE and NW Scotland, ArgyH, Orkney and Shetland: Rain, snow on high ground,
dull and cloudy, hill fog; wind
NE, fresh or strong, gales in exposed places; max temp 5°C
(41°F).

Opticals for temp 8°C (46°F).

Weather forecast and recordings

explain obstacles to miversal unity

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nortgage

By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Correspondent

As expected, the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales formally announces to day that it cannot go all the way with the proposals of the Churches' Unity Commission for church unity in Britain. Nevertheless a statement from the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference continues general sup-port for the initiative, and exlains why they cannot endorse all the proposals in detail.

The international nature of

the Roman Catholic Church prevents one national section act. the historial section action out of step with the rest, the bishops say. They add that Christian unity has, in their view, to be founded on unity in faith. "We do not pretend to have resolved several important decriving differences." ant doctrinal differences, nor are we in agreement in our answers on some outstanding

The Roman Catholic Church will retain membership of the unity commission, and although of unity that the commission has drawn up it does not repudiate the idea. "We appreciate that there is value in churches (conscientiously able to take such a step) covenanting for unity and thereby entering into desper ecclesial relationship with each other."
The bishops promise to increase collaboration with other churches in the search for

The Roman Catholic response, although predictable in outline, is significant because of its possible impact on feeling inside follow such guidelines made no sense for profitability or for small firms losing their skilled the Church of England.
That is the context in which
the Bishop of Gulddord, the
Right Rev David Brown, took
the musual step of issuing a
comment on the Roman Catho. debour to giants like British Steel, who could pay more lic announcement, in which he drew attention to its positive aspects. He is chairmen of the Church of England's Board for Church or England's Doord for Mission and Unity, which is responsible for preparing the Anglican response to the proposals contained in the commission's Ten Propositions for Traise.

Unity.

The Church of England has been insisting that acceptance of episcopacy was essential in any union scheme worked out with the Free Churches, in spite of their historic objections to bishops.

The Bishop of Guildford said:

"The Roman comment on Proposition Ten, that visible unity in life and mission is the will of God. suggests that the Roman Casholics see the possi-bility of visible unity emerging between the Roman Catholic Church, the Octiondox churches and those churches of the Reformation tradition which

have a common episcopacy.

"They insist that such unity requires communion with the see of Rome for its fulfilment, and this will be school by many Anglicans: it is marched, however, by their across a marched, however, by their across a marched and the second server. doubt ever, by their equal emphasis on the principle that catholicity itself demands elements of diversity in theological expres-tion, spirituality and structures which cannot be defined accur-ately in advance."

Prison refusal

Officers at the Isle of Wight's three prisons are to refuse to accept new prisoners from Mon-day as part of a seven-year campaign for cross-Solent travel concessions.

Correction

The motion welcoming the Archbishop of Canterbury's telegram to the South African Government was carried overwhelmingly by the General Synod of the Church of England; not unanimously, as reported on Friday, November 11.

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Yesterday London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 9°C (48°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 5°C (41°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 92 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 28in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, nE. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 984.9 millibars, 62ling.

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St George's Channel: Wind S or SW, strong to gale 8; sea very

rough.

Irish Sea : Wind NE to gale.



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An appeal against that refusal Britain's only two pet cemeters, was in Lancashire. و هلا امن الاص

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the tough and ruthless chief of a

Regional Crime Squad, set up to track down dangerous villain

Brason tell how sympathetic civilians in Holland, Belgium

and France set up secret 'escape

lines' in order to smuggle Allied airmen out of Nazi-occupied

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Uncertainty

ng relief on morganes with a mineral mortage subsidy giving relief at the basic rare

That would end the "parent unisomess" of those on higher receiving greater relief, the party stated in res-ponse so the Government's housing Green Paper. The report was prepared by the housing subcommittee of the chaired by Mr Frank

Introducing it, Mr Allaun said: "The Green Paper is not since the peper it is printed on income the peper it is printed on including see reversed. House building during the first nine months of this year must must menture of this year was down by nearly a third humaned with last year, he of its said, and it was likely that though the level of 1973, the lowest tens said. 1951. There had been issue in 1951. There had been issue in 1951. not to fer £830m out of cases totalling above £1300m. So there is a big gap the in still. Labour Party policy probably all poses a massive programme venue both for building and improve thereb ment. We want not just the celesia restoration - accounting

restoration of the cuts, but an increase." Mr. Allaun said.

increase. Mr. Allaum sead. He said that 9,200,000 people

Court case

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y Our Social Services

Miss Jennifer Davis,

attered mother who won the ight to evict her cohabitee in a historic decision in the Court

Appeal, is likely to spend ristmas in the Chiswick

men's Aid refuge in London.

he has been refused a transfer amother flat by Hackney

mencil on the ground that it cannot rehouse her until after the appeal by her cohabitee to the House of Lords in January. Hackney's decision might be gued to be in direct contrated of its new duties beards, bestreed women under the Mausing (Homeless, Pers

to Housing (Homeless Per-

ecember 1 in England and tales. The Act includes bar-

red women in the priority rups for whom housing autho-ges must secure permanent

ople who cannot occupy their m accommodation for fear of

riolence.
Miss Davis returned to the

Miss Davis returned to the number of the shared as joint annth with Mr Nehemiah lohnson and their daughter, ordens, aged two, two days for the court decision in her aroun. She found the flat tipped bare of furniture and ad to return to the Chiswick stage, where she stayed with the daughter during the court pacedings.

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Alies Devis is too scared to him to return to the flat.

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the first the appeal. It was to first case of that kind. If it decision was in contravendm of the Act it could be

irced to make a transfer, a presentative said.

Safety-belt fine

maximum £50

The proposed new law that M make it compulsory for livers and front-seat passents in Ulster to wear safety the recommends that there would be a maximum £50 fine of those who fail to do so.

Mr Carter, Under-Secretary of the for Northern Ireland, said the formula of the was convinced.

Esterday that he was convinced hat the proposal offered the sest and most immediate propert of an improvement in lad safety.

buman habitation or lacking kavatories. Where Northern Ireland was included, the figure

tax relief, the party empha-sizes that it is not opposed to as concerned about the dis-parity of relief between the wealthy and the average owner. Figures show that for a £10,000 house the net cost to an owner paying the standard rate of income tax is £14 a week, while an owner who pays tax at a rate of 83 per cent has to find f5.21 a week, and one paying at the rate of 98 per sent, £2.48 a week.

An owner-occupier with an £8,800 mortgage pays £12.58 a house belonging to someone paying tax as the 98 per cent

rate.

The party says the £25,000 limit on the amount of a mort-gage eligible for subsidy should be lowered to a figure closer to

It rejects the argument in the Green Paper that withdrawal of higher-rate tax relief would be damaging to those on middle rather than high incomes. "Only about 5 per cent of all axypayers are paying tax as taxpayers are paying tax at more than the basic rate, and the party does not believe that Tameside's Record damages of school selection was 'not unfair'

By Annabel Ferrimen Tameside education authority did not contravene the Sex Discrimination Act in its selechalf of the population. "It is not enough for the Government to exhort the building societies to lend to people on lower incomes or in difficult areas. They should be made to protion of pupils for two grammar schools last year, according to a report by the Equal Oppor-tunities Commission yesterday.

The report was the result of 14-month investigation into cedures. Some parents and others had complained to the criminatory.

The commission found that dthough Tameside, in Greater Manchester, accepted 135 boys and only 99 girls for the two schools, and although one of the schools was reserved exclusively for boys, it had not broken the Act.

That was because single-sex schools were exempt from the legislation. Thus the com-mission could not consider Hyde Gramman School, which offered 120 places to boys and accepted 77, and could only look at Ashton Grammar School, which accepted 99 sirls and 59 boys. It found that the latter had not discriminated. and not discriminated.

Commenting on the report Commenting on the report, Mr Thomas Pendry, Lebour MP for Stalybridge and Hyde, said the educational provisions of the Act should be reconsidered in the light of its findings. It was obvious that the spirit of the Act had been broken because 120 places had been reconsel 120 places had been recause 120 places had been re-served specifically for boys. "We politicians must look at the education provisions re-garding single sex institutions, which make nonsense of the Act. The existence of single-sex schools can distort the whole picture of equal oppole tunities. The commission should

have taken one look at the situation and said it was an impossible task." The report was welcomed by Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Mr Norman St John-Stevas,
Conservative Party spokesman
on education, who said the decision was fair and sensible.
"I am delighted that the
Tameside council has been vindicated once again", he said.
Mr John Beele, Chief Education Officer of West Glamorgan,
who led the investigation said. who led the investigation, said a further study was needed on the impact of single-sex schools on local authority planning, beon local sometry pressuring, oc-cause their existence might dis-tors the situation. The chief significance of the report was that it emplained for the first time the educational implica-tions of the Act and provided

Record damages of £243,309 were swarded in the High Court yesterday to Dr Lim Poh Choo, yesterday to br Lim Fon Choo, a woman psychiatrist, who, in the word's of Mr Justice Bristow, was condemned to a living death by a hospital blunder while undergoing a minor operation. With interests the death etion. With interest, the damages are likely to exceed £250,000. After making the award, the judge asked: "Does this, for a person condemned to a living death, look too much?" The figure was high, he said, but Dr Lim was only 41 and had to be looked after for the rest of her life. Dr Lim, a former senior psy-chiatric registrar at Friern Hospital, New Southgate, Lon-don, suffered extensive and

£243,309 for woman

suffered injuries of comparable severiry."

The judge said Dr Lim was in a terrible situation as a helpless invalid. He had to do all he could to ensure that her

It was a very large sum for Camden and Islington Area Health Authority, which ad-mitted negligence, to pay. Beheart attack and the consequences were disastrous. She was in a coma for two weeks, had epileptic fits and could not walk or talk. Now she lived in Penang. West Malaysia, with her widowed mother and had regained a little of her ability to walk and speak.

She had only flashes of memory, realizing that she had once been a psychiatrist. The judge continued: "That a doctor who had so much to offer to the mentally ill should be subjected, by want of care in hospital, mitted negligence, to pay. Because of the size of the award, he granted the health authority a stay on f131,000 of the damages pending an appeal. "It is quite clear this award must be challenged," he added. "I am only the first step along the road."

Earlier in the case, the judge had said: "One of the questions that arises is whether it was really wise to bring Dr Lim back to life in the intensive care unit. Doctors

the intensive care unit. Doctors are in an intolerable dilemma." Dr Lim's sister, Dr Poh Sim Plowright, of Hampstead, London, said after yesterday's judgment: "It is one of those cases that make you wonder whether euthenasia could be a possibility."
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Urban crisis worsening, Mr Heseltine says

From John Young Planning Reporter Birmingham

Present government policies for solving the urban crisis deteriorating situation, Mr Michael Hesekine, opposition spokesman on the environment, told the Town and Country Planning Association, meeting in Birmingham vesterday.

Mr Heseltine, who was speaking on the same platform as Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, said that for the Environment, said that simply talking about "our strategy for the inner cities", just like talking about "our industrial strategy", would convince people that such strategies existed.

"In practice, the strategies add up to a handful of public money disposed of strategies in the money disposed of strategies.

money disposed of through the same machinery, administered by the same people extending the same attitudes even deeper into the urban fabric first brought us to the present state of affeirs in the first place".

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By Martin Huckerby

Malcolm Williamson, the Australian composer, explained

esterday that the obligations

of his post as Master of the Queen's Music and the volume

of other musical works produced this year were responsible for his failure to complete his jubilee symphony in time for its premiere before the

Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh tonight.

symphony had not been finished in time, especially in view of the incomplete premiere earlier this year of his Mass of Christ

He was distressed that the

Music Reporter

at great public subsidy, was to compound the very crisis that one was trying to cure.

Mr Alkan said building socie

occupiers in the lower incom-

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to local authorities, who in

turn would provide mortgages for those people unable to get

The consultation period on the Green Paper has been ex-

tended by the Department of

Government to produce a White Paper on housing.

White Paper on housing.
The party's view of the building societies was emphasized when Mr Walter Johnson, Labour MP for Derby, South, called on Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday to threaten them with increased

forms of taxation if they did not "mend their ways". Mr Johnson, referring to today's meeting of the societies

to decide the mortgage rate, said: "Even the building societies are now embarrassed by the vast inflow of funds by

The record sums being invested should be used to bring down the mortgage interest

them from building societies.

For generations the climate of the inner city has grown less attractive the more the social engineers sought to remove opportunities which were so misleadingly described as inequalities he said. The young, the energetic, the

The young, the energetic, the management and middle-mooms groups had set off for the commuter lands, there to create class enclaves every bit as sharply drawn as those that the self-styled visionaries had sought to destroy.

A new sense of urgency and a quite different approach were needed. The process must begin with land, and every local authority and remonalized industry should be compelled to produce and publish a register of its land holdings, showing planning use designated use and value Programmes for the authorities.

Miss Margaret Allen, features editor of The Times and matther of the holdings should smoother of the investigative team, said the inquiry had shown weaknesses in the Act. In my view the Tanaside case has shown that it is possible

conceded that there had been a has shown that it is possible tendency to concentrate on to discriminate legally against securing population outflow girls or boys in education by from inner cities at the expense of other important issues.

Master of Queen's Music blames work

Then Peter Pears had asked

pressure for failure to finish symphony

Meat production falling and exports increasing

By Hugh Clayton

Mest production in Britain is falling even though the Gov-ernment's industrial strategy demands increased food output at home to save imports.

irreversible brain damage at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, London, in February, 1973.

She had been admitted for a womb scrape. At some point during the treatment Dr Lim, then aged 36, suffered oxygen starvation to the brain because

The judge said she suffered a heart attack and the conse-

ted, by want of care in hospital, to the appalling disability from which Dr Lim, is condemned to suffer for the rest of her exist-

ence is a very great tragedy.

"The law cannot pretend to compensate for the destruction of her life. The court can only award a sum of money, and that must be in proportion to awards

at home to save imports.

Figures issued yesterday by the Meat and Livestock Commission on the third day of the Royal Smithfield Show gave official confirmation to the contention of farmers that mean production in Britain has fallen this year. They also show that exports have risen sharply so that Britain has become more dependent than usual on imports to meet home demand.

The stassant marker has The stagment market has-becefited shoppers, however, by keeping many prices lower than a year ago. Mr Colin Culimore, general manager of Dewnurst group of tcher's shops, said at the show yesterday that next Sep-tember beef prices would prob-ably be no more than a tenth-bigher than in Oripber, 1976.

The commission predicted that cathe sloughterings in Britain this year would total only 2,850,000 head compared with 3,158,000 in 1976.

policy of the Government by selling abroad. Twice as many live clattle were sold oversees late in the summer as in the comparable period of 1976. Mr Kenneth Allright, chair

man of the meat promotion executive of the commission said that there were clear signs of rising meat consumption in Britain. He was worried that foreign suppliers would take advantage of it to gain a firm foothold in Britain

Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, said at the new Cov-ent Garden market at Nine Elms that food prices were now rising more slowly than prices in a quarter cheaper than a year ago. Royal Smithfield Show results:



Three found guilty of desecrating Peel's grave

Three anti-blood sports cam-paigners were found guilty at Cariisla Crown Court, Cumbria, yesterday of damaging the head-stone and digging up the grave of John Peel, the huntsman.

of John Peel, the huntsman.

David Hough, aged 49, a former company director, of Farriers Road, Middle Barton, Banbury, Oxfordshire; Michael Huskisson, aged 24, a postgraduate rtudent, of Blacksmith's Close, Abbotsley, Huntingdon; and Gary Treadwell, aged 21, of Ridge Close, Nutley, Sussex, had all represented themselves.

Judge Edmondson postponed sentence until they could be rethis year of his Mass of Christ
the King.

Soesking in his flat at the
Barbican, in the City of London,
he said that after his appointment late in 1975 he had been
offered five large-scale commissions.

"It was my privilege at my
first sudience with the Queen
to ask for her permission to
dedicate some of these works to
her." She had accepted dedicato the Mass and of the
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the grave and in it were found a stuffed fox's head and a note containing a poem. The note suggested that the damage had been done in revenge for the foxes Peel had killed while

call had been made to the Press Association caying the body of John Peel had been dug up and thrown into a cess pit. The caller added that he was a member of the Animal Liberation Front.

In their defence, all three defendants said they had travelled north that weekend to report to the Hunt-Saboteurs' Association on Alter railway, near Liverpool, the scene of the Waterloo Cup, the country's main hare-coursing event. They said they had been in Cumbria afterwards to visit the Windscale atomic plant, but had been nowhere near Caldbeck.

but there are obligations which humanity you are obliged to undertake. He could not have anticipated the Jubilee Hymn, written with the Poet Laureate, Sir John Betjengan, and produced in many different arrangements. Then there was a six-movement suke to a BBC programme on House of Windsor. Mr Williamson said he had completed a 50-minute operation. The Valley and the Hill, which was performed for the Queen by 17,000 children in Merseyside. He completed that score by drinking lots of mint tea and taking frequent cold baths to stay awake. Then Perer Peers had asked The commission showed that farmers were increasingly cir-cumventing the cheap food

pottery through the ages.

Record Breakers Roy Castle and Norris McWhirter introduce some record breakers from the BBC I programme-from the four-

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the thrills and rivalries of the speedway track HARDBACK £3.25 РАРЕВВАСК 95р

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Proof of 'drugged children' Disputes cost Times Newspapers £1m allegation demanded Mark Jackson, of The Times responsible for any medical diagnosis or treatment in the

Allegations by a sociologist hat many British schoolchildren are being drugged into only are being challenged by teachers and psychologists.

The assertion was made in st week's issue of New Society, Mr Steven Box, a lecturer at lent University. Letters in toays issue call on Mr Box to hoduce evidence for his statebent that tens of thousands of eptis have been labelled hyperactive" and given long-run drug therapy or other lasment because they are a misance in the classroom.

Mr. Fred Jarvis, general Breasy of the Nacional Union Teachers, calls Mr Box's take a stronge and unrue streption of life in schools and the characteristic for anything remotely tion to other treatments but it is much more likely to be the child's own general practitioner, acting usually without the knowledge of the teacher.

case of children with serious disorders, Mr Jarvis writes, there is no evidence that they con-nive with the medical authorivies to drug children. Other letter writers agree

with Mr Box that many American school children have been disgnosed and treated in the way he describes, but say that children are rarely diagnosed as hyperactive in Britain. Dr John Nicholson, a London University lecturer in psycho-

logy, writes that he knows of no evidence of drugging of British schoolchildren. Mr H. I. Wright, a member of Educational Psychologists said yesterday: "Where a child is restless as a result of a clearly neurological defect, child guid-

this year, Sir Denis Hamilton says discussion of what the trade rid them of demarcation diffi-

By a Staff Reporter Sir Denis Hamilton, chairman and Editor-in-Chief of Times Newspapers, said last night that

the company had lost film from disputes this year. Speaking in the Radio 4 series The Press Barons, he said that The Times would probably have broken even this year had

it not been for disputes. One of the disappointments of his life had been the inability to get the staff in their organized way with union chapels (office branches) to act in a corporate sense.

"I think, looking back over my long period, it is this unattractive way in which small groups of men can hold up the whole operation, prevent publication, or lose a lot of copies, and thousands of others (there are about four thousand people on our books) just stand by," he said.

"I just regard it as a defeat that I have not been able to get a corporate feeling, but then you get into the wider

aspects of the monarchy and in the abortive programme note for the concert he has written that the work has been based on the note E. E for Elizabeth. Despite all the difficulties, he said, the keynote of Bucking-ham Pakace's response had been-

It was still as excessively concerned with wages and working conditions as when the trade "There have been far too many disputes", Sir Denis said. "This year 100 million copies of newspapers have been lost

in Fleet Street. It is terrible

in today's economic conditions and, of course, growing com-petition from radio and television, and Ceefax and Oracle and Viewdata [news and inand Viewdata [news and information texts available through specially adapted television sets] and all the other things round the corner. It is madness, and those of us in Fleet Street do feel that we should somehow be able to use our skills as communicators to our skills as communicators to persuade people that we must all work together and keep ourselves surviving and keep thou-sands of jobs going in a world that is bound to change."

printing union merger

union movement is all about culties and make unions much these days."

It was still as excessively progress and success of news-Sir Denis also expressed con-

cern about morale and even the a manager now got an uninterrupted night's sleep, and he saw many grey faces around. "I see too many stories that

are not being changed in the evening and brought up to date. I have seen too many new stories that have not got pub-lished, and this is frustrating. It does not produce high morale and I think it does make newspaper management a very un-attractive thing to go into."

Asked by Brian Redhead whether The Sunday Times was "carrying" The Times, Sir Denis replied: "No, it is not For the moment, during this period of the 1970s of inflamembers of the Thomson family have taken a licence to finance officers to provide them with the Times themselves. He hoped that the proposed

BR defends its £16,000 TV advertisement /

British Rail last night

defended its decision to spend £16,000, one third of the normal rate, on a seven-minute television advertisement, one of the longest shown on British relevision, at 11.45 on Christmas As there will be no rail ser

vices that day, the 200,000 railwaymen to whom it is mainly addressed will be able to watch Mr Peter Parker, chairman of the British Rail Board, expounding the virtues of rail travel, and have a preview of posters. British Rail said that on a

television advertising budget of bout a million pounds a year the programme represented exceptional value and would soon cover its cost in extra

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Isolated villagers are 'liberated socially' by volunteer minibuses

By Michael Baily

Transport Correspondent

A national drive to encourage run self-help minibuses is being launched by the National Bus Company this week.

Experimental schemes in Norfolk, Sussex, and Wales have shown that community buses run by village committees and driven by housewives and other volunteers provide a vital ser-vice and are also highly appreciated as a social stimulus.

The National Bus Company sees community buses as the hest way of providing public transport in isolated areas. Training village groups and supplying and servicing minibuses could provide useful work for its shrinking depots. Minibuses could also feed traffic into its own services.

Sir Frederick Wood, NBC chairman, said in London yesterday that copies of a new hooklet. With a Little Help from Your Friends, were going out to MPs and local authorities this week and he envisaged community buses eventually running into thousands. But he emphasized that they would be complementary to NBC services complementary to NBC services With a Little Help from Your rather than competitive. That Friends (National Bus Company, is a condition of NBC support, which costs about £25 a week EC4A 3AP).

for supply and service of a

minibus.
Mr Clifford Brown, retired pioneering Norfolk scheme, years, carries about 150 people from nine villages each week and covers all its costs, said the service had liberated people · It was a boon to socially. people whose previous isolation had to be experienced to be

At fares as low as 24p for 15 miles, it takes villagers to the shops, the market, the doctor, and the hairdresser, to dances, theatres, and the seaside. In two years it has covered 80,000 miles with 15 volunteer drivers. half of them women, including a milkman, a freelance artist, a potter, a county councillor, policeman, a farm labourer and a retired group captain. Each works up to half a day a week

or its equivalent for no pay.

The question of payment has been "discussed and abhorred."

Not all community buses need financially viable, NBC emphasizes. Some county councils may choose to subsidize their social value where a small gap remains between costs and

Commercial art galleries, 4: Some of the leading characters

Dealer bridges the taste gap with charity

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No survey of London's galleries, however incomplete (and this series has concentrated on established West End operators) could overlook the Frost Mr Clifford Brown, retired and Reed phenomenon, or the headmaster and secretary of the man who presides over it, Mr Christopher Wade.

Frost and Reed, based in New Bond Street, was founded 160 years ago. In 1973 S. Pearson and Son (Lord Cowdray's group) gained a 21 per cent stake in it, and last year it was acquired in toto by Harlech Television. "Lord Harlech is the state of the stat my deputy chairman. He realizes that television is television and painting is paint-ing", Mr Wade, a large man with a flamboyant manner,

The firm is unusual in successfully maintaining a split personality. On the one hand it sells fine, if very decorative, Old Masters and sporting pic-tures; on the other, paintings and prints of unabashedly popular appeal.

The popular side is to the ore in New Bond Street, the fore in New Bond Street, the classical side at the Christo-pher Wade Gallery in Bruton Street, near by. There is a gallery in Worthing, and a big one in Bristol, where the firm's Venture prints are also pub-

"As the biggest publishers



Mr Jack Baer (left) and Mr Christopher Wade.

tions, if we printed only what you and I liked we should be in bankruptcy", Mr Wade said. Was it true that he earned £56,000 a year? That must have been a bad year, he said; in 1973 he made £94,000 in sales.

and 1973 he made 194,000 hr salary and commission.

That year profits were 1900;000 on a turnover of 12,500,000 to £3m, the result of "astute buying" (and, pre-sumably, astute selling). In the 12 months ended last August he made £82,000, "but we work unconscionable hours seven

He finds the taste gap easy to bridge with charity and sym-



people like a man's work, and it has technical skill and bar-mony (like Russell Flint), to designate it beyond a certain point is wrong.
"Some of the richest people

in the country have the worst taste. We try to educate them and take them gently on the road to Parnassus."

Somewhere on the plains below Parnassus are those who buy the firm's prints, by such as Victor Elford and Ron Felland, ensuring that they figure prominently in the top 10 bestselling prints every year.

Moving from the hectic

wealth of Bond Street to the discreet opulence of St James's there is a well lined nest of Old Master dealers in Duke Street, Ryder Street and Bury Street, many specializing in sea scapes, sporting prints and what could be called dining-room

Will they survive the soaring overheads? Mr Jack Baer, the widely liked chairman of the Society of London Art Dealers, who runs Hazlitt, Gooden and Fox says: "When I started off in Ryder Street in 1948 rent was £200 and rates £100. I have an add lease had be the the core an old lease here, but the com-mercial rate would be £30,000-£40,000.

"How firms are going to continue in the West End I do not know. Obviously firms are going to have to do more merging or seek outside

Dealers of all hues are unani-mous in regretting the virtual passing of the modest, often scholarly. British Collector who, until recently, found a few hundred pounds a year to indule his hobby.

Rising costs at home and abroad (increased by the fall of sterling) will continue to make life difficult for the small operator and in particular for those who cope with what Mr Andrew Patrick, of the Fine Art Society in New Bond Street, called the "frightening economics" of one-man shows.

WEST EUROPE____

Power strike against Barre austerity brings employers to streets

Employers have taken to the streets in public protest this week over the random electricity cuts aimed by the workers to cause the maximum dis-turbance to industry but the minimum possible to homes. Since last week's national strike, the staff of the Elec-

tricité et Gaz de France (EGF) have been staging a sort of rolling strike around the country on the request of the Com-munist CGT and the Socialist This action was taken by the

left wing unions after the en-ployers' organization conployers' demued the power cuts on the day of the strike itself as "brutal and intense":

The strike on December 1 was called by the unions in prowas called by the unions in protest at the Government's ausrerity programme since M
Barre became Prime Minister
last autumn. This has meant
that wage increases have barely
covered the rise in the cost of

at a time have been felt all over the country as a result of the decision to continue the electricity strike. The cuts tend to occur during the mid-morning and afternoon. They are due to end tomorrow as the 130,000 workers involved are meant to resume their normal

At the same time, the railway. men are due to start a four-day strike after the breakdown of talks last might on modernization plans feared by the unions to involve the loss of 10,000

There is a possibility of the electricity, strikes continuing.

The unions meet tomorrow marking to decide what to do next to force negotiations to teupen. They are claiming a bonus of an immediate 200 francs (523) plus a realignment of wage scales in an industry where a third of the workers receive only 3,000 francs a

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M François Ceyrac, president of the employers' organization, has given warning that the power cuts cannot continue without serious consequences to the economy. This concern has been manifested by several emplayers who marched through several towns in the south-west yesterday, in some cases accom-panied by their workers.

After a council of war with senior ministers, M Barre issued a statement attacking the unions for putting the economy in jeopardy.

This strong statement prothe unions, who said that if their right to strike were in any way interfered with then they would call a full stoppage. The unions are fully aware that their actions are unpopular with the public and kept secret the meeting place for a demonstration in Paris today. But they realize their action is forcing the Covernment to take actics the Covernment to take zotice their claims.

When the unions meet in the morning they are unlikely to be deterred by the mass of abusive mail they have been receiving. M Barre, who up to now has been able to ride the unpopularity of his measures by claiming that they are the proper medicine for the country's exonomic ills, now finds himself faced by dangerous and determined appoints. When the unions meet in the

Award for play saved from waste-paper bin

A play which was nearly consigned to the waste-paper basket by its author a year ago has won the 1976 John Whiting award of £1,000. David Lan's play The Winter Dancers was produced to critical acclaim at the Treatre Upstairs earlier this

year.
Mr Lan, aged 25, who was born in South Africa, received the award yesterday from Mr

the award yesterday from Mr John Faulkner, the Arts Coun-cil's drama director. The 49 entries for the award were judged by Miss Prunella Scales, the actress, Mr Irvings Wardle, drama critic of The Times, and Mr Richard Eyre, the director.

Busmen protest

Buses will hair in Nottingham for a time today when crews stop work to hold a protest meeting to discuss "too lenient" sentences on people who attack drivers and con-

More council support for university museums urged

Universities with museums and art galleries should set up boards to identify essential needs in terms of staff, accommodation and facilities, a re-

port published today states. "The situation of these museums" the Standing Com-mission on Museums and Galleries says, "is progressively deteriorating to the detriment not only of the academic activi-ties of the universities themselves but also of the interests of the public generally."

The commission also recommends that local authorities should accept an obligation to pay the full cost of services pro-vided for the public.

Similar principles, it says, should apply to the general amenity value of university museums and galleries, which are enjoyed by the public and provide important tourist attractions; universities should seek

contributions from the outside

Local authorities have university museums, having access to national sources of finance and an obligation to care for collections, are already

The report authority contributions are "niggardly" when the tourist attractions of establishments such as the Fitzwilliam Museum,

cambridge, are considered.
Arrangements for financing such museums recommended in 1968 did not produce the results hoped for, the report says.

Reductantly, we have concluded that in the current financial difference and producted. ancial climate our preferred solution of financial support being indicated in recurrent grants by the University Grants Committee would be unaccept

Report on University Museums (Standing Commission on Museums and Galleries; Stationery Office; 85p).

Lorry driver cleared of manslaughter

A lorry driver accused of crushing a workmate to death while driving a vehicle when its brakes were not fully opera-tional was acquitted on a judge's direction at the Central Crimi

nal Court yesterday.
The driver, Mr Maurice
Beech Brown, aged 49, of Acton,
London, wept as he left the

dock.
Judge John Marmon, QC, stopped the case at the con-clusion of the prosecution's evidence
Mr Neil Denison, for the
defence, said that in October,
1976, Mr Brown was moving a
tractor unit into the servicing
bay at the depot of Alpine Refrigerated Deliverles at Green-

ford.

He was being guided by a fellow worker, Mr Thomas Kelly, of Harrow. When Mr Kelly gave the signal to stop, Mr Brown put his foor on the brake pedal, but nothing happened. Mr Kelly was crushed and died later in hospital.

Six-hour course aims to reduce food-poisoning risk

Health Services Correspondent

Anyone who prepares food, offered a short course aimed at reducing the rising number of cases of food poisoning.

Mr James Clancey, vice-presi-Mr James Clancey, vice-president of the Environmental Health Officers Association, which is sponsoring the project with the Sr John Ambulance Association, said yesterday that reported food-borne infections had doubled since 1972 from 5.958 to 11,912. The association believed there was analyzactice in hotels, restaurants and canin hotels, restaurants and can-teens, much of it springing from simple things.

The reheating of meat was particularly hazardous, but even the best hotels cooked large joints, sliced them when they were cold because that was easy, and warmed them for use

Mr Stanley Garrod, a mem-

ber of the EHA council, said food was not given sufficient importance. There had been big changes in habits, and three-fifths of the population now ate

out at some time. Many more public houses had snack bars, and there had been a big increase in take-away food There were courses for-middle-management staff and supervisors, but the need was to give a short simple course to all who worked with food.

Effective temperature control of foodstuffs, with proper refrigeration always available, would reduce risks significantly. In kitchens, meet joints were often too big (over 7lb), and once removed from the oven cooled too elegity.

The courses, which will teach basic principles of hygiene, will be followed by an examination and a certificate valid for three years. Each course will last about six hours and will cost £3.

Top French jockey held in prison to await trial had drunk several glasses of

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 7

The French champion jockey. Yves Saint Martin, was confined to the prison hospital at Pontoise, near Paris, for eight days today after a driving acci-

dept in which two people died and a third was seriously injured. The 36-year-olo jockey, 13 times winner of the champion jockey's Golden Whip, appeared before the examining magistrate

champagne at a cabaret in the Latin Quarter and had then gone on to a night club in Montparnasse. He told the court he had

fallen asleep while driving his two-ton Cadillac, partly because he was fired after flying back from a race meeting in Japan. His car was said to have crossed the centre line of the road and hit two cars coming in the

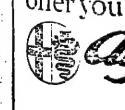
opposite direction.

He is accused of manslaughter, driving under the
influence of alcohol, crossing the central line and failure to control his vehicle.

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Malaga violence leads Nato given to Government curb on all demonstrations

From Our Correspondent

Madrid, Det 7
The Spanish Government is m ban or restrict demon-strations after the violence in Malage which resulted in one death, numerous injuries and hundreds of mousands of pounds in damages to sacked shops.
A Government statement

published here today after a Cabinet meeting said limitations would be placed on demonstrations, especially those having to do with regional amonomy and those organized by parties or groups not represented in the Cortes

Legislation regarding public assembly will be interpreted according to especially strong criteria... according to the Government. The statement said that, in view of the favourable official attitude towards home rule, "new popular demonstrations or gatherings in the streets do not appear to be

necessary."

The Congress of Deputies, or lower house, of the Cortes, will consider the Malaga violence in a special session probably next week, according to a decision taken by the rules committee yesterday. A congressional committee will be set up to consider the Maga incidents dinvestigate, the Malaga incidents.

incidents.

In another development, the organizing committee of last Sonday's "day of Andabucia",

'Marshall plan' for Europe urged by Tory From George Clark Political Correspondent

Copenhagen
An ambinous European reon amountus European re-covery programme on the scale of the Marshall Plan was pro-posed by Mr. Geoffrey Rippon, MP for Hexham and leader of the Consequents the Conservative group in the European Parliament, at a meeting of the group in Copen-bagen today. He argued that some new dramatic initiative was needed to take Europe out of its present economic and political doldrums.

If norhing on a sufficient scale was accomplished, he had no doubt that people within the Community would begin to feel distilusioned with the whole system of society in European

Mr Ripon said: "We must be prepared to act generously and imaginatively if we are to succeed in securing the unity of Europe."

reassurance on US Salt plans which filled the streets with

that the Government's version of the events leading up to and immediately following the fatal

shooting of a demonstrator in Malaga is incorrect.

attacked those taking part in the authorized demonstration

the authorized demonstration without warning, using vehicles and smoke bombs. The majority of those attending the gathering were unaware of the incident in which a youth tried to hang the green and white Andalucian flag alongside the Spanish one on the building housing the offices of the provincial delegation of the central. Government: but they

tral Government; but they subjected to riot police charges as they headed peacefully honeward after a speech which ended the gathering.

The statement denied that the police were surrounded and forced to use real bullets:

The use of firearms took place at the same time as the

use of riot-control equipment, at a sime when the forces of

public order were not sur rounded", it said.

Geneva staff's

on pay scales

From Our Correspondent Geneva, Dec 7 An ultimatum was cabled to

Dr Waldheim, the United

Nations Secretary General, to-

day by strikers at the Palais

des Nations. It asked him to

honour the agreement reached

last year on general services

nav scales and to reexamine the

17 per cent reduction, offset by

special allowances, due to come

ultimatum

The organizers said the police

From Henry Stanhope home-rule. demonstrators throughout the South, distri-Defence Correspondent a statement claiming Brussels: Dec 7

Mr Harold Brown, the United States defence Secretary, today tried to allay alied fears about the implications for the defence of Western Europe of the proposed new strategic arms agreement with Moscow. But he flew back to Washington tonight leaving a number of questions stil unclear.

Herr Georg Leber, the West German Defence Minister, pro-nounced himself well satisfied with Mr Brown's reassurances after a meeting of the Nato de-fence planning committee

He had been assured that Washington would not only listen to European views but would take them into account in the final negotiations for the Soviet-American Salt-2 treaty. So far European doubts have been concentrated upon the im-plications for sea-launched and ground-launched Cruise missiles, in which Britain and West Germany respectively have a strong

At a press conference in Nato headquarters, Mr Brown was deliberately vague on some of the finer points of the American Salt-2 proposals.

rounded", it said.

The organizers said that, in addition to the youn man killed by gunfire, there were two other people hit by bullets, as well as one person injured by a rubber bullet. Ten more civilians suffered fractures, contusions or other injuries. What does seem clear is that What does seem clear is that the Americans have agreed not to deploy any ground or sealaunched Cruise missiles with a range of more than 600 kilometres during the next three years. This is partly academic because they would probably be in no position to do so anyway during that time.

Development and testing

Development and testing would continue without any range limitations, however, and Mr Brown added that the "United States has made no commitment not to transfer technology to the European alles"

allies". Whether Americans would actually help countries like Britain—which has a pos-sible interest in a Cruise mis-Polaris—remains unclear. It would see municiply, emen if there is no agreement to stop them doing so.

Moreover, Mr Brown freely acknowledged that on the expiry of the three-year proto-col on Cruise missites, there would be "strong psychological pressure" to make the range kinitations permanent.

special allowances, due to come into force on Japuary 1:
By no means all the 3,000 palais staff observed today's strike call. It was supported by most order United Nations bodies here, in sympathy strikes ranging from an hour to all day. Strikers took part in a daylong protest meeting in the assembly hall, intended to give scope for expression of all views. A proposal to extend This means that, if Britain did decide on a long-range views. A proposed to extend the strike in the obsence of any reaction from Dr Weldheim may be put to a meeting tomorrow. Cruise missile programme, it might have to press sheard on its own and in contravention of a Sakt agreement—which is



Mr Brown at a press conference after the Nato talks.

carried on the American B52 bombers is being proposed se part of the main Salt-2 agree-ment which will lest until 1985. Mr Brown made the point that all these matters should be viewed within the overall concext of a strategic arms kimitations agreement, which is something that the European alies have always strongly

He shought that this two-day meeting of the committee had been one of the most encouraging. He was particularly plea by the progress made towards achieving the short-term targets for force improvements set for the silies at the summit meeting in London last May. The number of anti-tank guided weapons within the Alliance should have gone up by 47,000 to 193,000 by 1978 as a result of the initiatives, he

Some progress had been made toward schieving some of

something that could not be the longer-term targets, though the considered seriously.

Meanwhile a range limitation of 2,500 kilometres for airlanched Cruise missiles, to be carried on the American B52 reached.

Even so, after detailing some of the force improvements introduced by the Soviet Union, he thought that the Western alliance still needed to pull up

its socks. Brussels: The United States will end its partial embargo on arms deliveries to Turkey in exchange for a "political gesture" from the Turks to break the deadlock in the Cyprus settlement talks, dip-lomatic sources at Nato head-

Quarters said today.
President Carter is said to bave made the deal a pre-condition for seeking simul-taneous Congressional ratification of the American aid agree-ments signed in 1976 with Turkey and Greece for \$1,000m (£550m) and \$700m respec-

picking up support, he obviously felt fit to tell the President a few political home morning Mr Turan Kapank, the Turkish Defence minister, had a half hour meeting here with Mr Brown. truths. The spotlight, long focused on M Barre, the Prime Minister, has swung back on the Gaullist leader. -Agence France-Presse.

OVERSEAS___

Havana unruffled by Young condemnation of its troops in Africa

Washington, Dec 7

Brussels, Dec 7 Attempts to solve the longrenning dispute about how to share out the EEC's fish stocks can permanent representative at the United Nations, strongly denounced Cuban policies in were adjourned here today until January 16 after Britain put in what several of its partners described as an "astronomical" Africa in a speech to the political committee last night. He said the presence of Cuban troops in Angloa, Ethiopia and elsewhere led to death and destruction and he called on claim to more than 40 per cent of the total Community catch. According to Mr Alfons van

der Stee, the Dutch Agriculture Minister, the British demanded Cuba to withdraw.

Meanwhile, in Havana, Dr
Fidel Castro was telling two a catch quota next year of 962,000 tonnes, almost double visiting American congressmenthat Cuba would not enter into the 540,000 tonnes originally offered by the European Comany sort of compromise on Africa. "It has nothing to do Irish sources described the with Carter, it has nothing to do with the United States", he said. "Our relations with

British cleim as unreal in relation to the fish that were available. Speaking to journalists after today's meeting of fisheries ministers, Mr John Silkin, the Minister of Agriculture declined either to confirm Africa-that we can't discuss, that we can't negotiate."

He also said: "If the issue of Cuban-American relations is ture, declined either to confirm or deny the British claim. He would say only that he had reaffairmed Britain's long-standing minimum demands. These were for a 12-mile coastal belt reserved solely for British fishermen and for a dominant preference, "sealion's share", between 12 and 50 miles. He had also urged much tougher

Home truths for

from M Chirac

From Our Own Correspondent

President Giscard d'Estaing

has invited three senior leaders

of the majority coalition to meet him over the next few days. The invitations were made public shortly before M Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader, went

to the Elysée this evening for a

to the Elyser this evening for a meeting at his own request. He emerged looking relaxed and smiling broadly and told reporters "I think I was understood, and this pleased me".

Perked up by the opinion polls which show his party is nicking the support.

the Elysee

Paris, Dec 7

British fish

upsets EEC

claim

partners

From Michael Hornsby

tion criticizing the Cuban role in Africa. The White House released last month a detailed account of Cuban troops in a number of African countries, and the State Department has conservation measures.
Only a settlement along these lines, Mr Silkin said, would take due account of the fact that British waters contained often said that the Cubans are actively disrupting the peace of some 60 per cent of the Com-munity's total fish stocks and that British fishermen had suf-fered more grievously than any the continent. others from the loss of fishing opportunities in waters beyond the Community's 200-mile zone.

Dr Castro told the congressgot the figures for Cuban troops in Angola and Ethiopia wrong, but did not say how many were there. He denied that any were the opposition ".

in Uganda, said there were only a few in Equatorial Guinea but Mr Andrew Young, American confirmed that the number in Angola, reduced sharply after the present regime's victory in the civil war in 1976, had been increased because of that Government's instability.

Dr Zbigniey Brzezinski, the President's national security adviser, saw the two congressmen before they went to Havana, and told them that the only message he had for the Cuban Government was "to get out of Angola". Dr Castro's answer suggests that there will be little progress in improving Cuban-American relations in the near future.

peace doves in the direction of Cuba two years ago while Secre-tary of State. They were shot down when the Cubans sent troops to Angolu to decide the civil war there. Mr Carter of Cuban-American relations is placed in the context of Africa, the restoration of relations will not advance. We are not ready to enter into any sort of compromise on that,"

Mr Young's speech is, the latest of a series of statements by members of the Administration criticizing the Cuban role stabilization in involved is af to the conclusion now that the stabilization "involved is of the 'order reigns in Warsaw's sort which should be con-demned formally.

"We call on the Soviet Union

and Cuba to assist Africans in the task of nation-building, rather than centributing to the escalation of death and destruc-tion", he said last night. A week ago, Mr Young said that the Cubans seemed to be supporting military regimes that maintain power by killing off

Nixon associate must stay in prison until April

ciates, will not be released from jail until next April. The Federal Parole Board decided today that he should serve 18 months of the prison term which he began in October last year. The sentence was originally 20 months minimum and five years maximum for his part in the Watergate cover-up and in the Ellsberg break-in. Last autumn, as one of his last acts as a federal judge, Mr John Sirica reduced Mr Ehrlichman's minimum sentence to one year. Two other Watergate convicts are still in jail, John Mitchell,

Washington, Dec 7

John Ehrlichman, once one of President Nixon's closest associates, will not be released from the control of berg case, which went through the courts faster. Only Mr Ehrlichman of the three was

involved.

Mr Ehrlichman did not take his appeal to the Supreme Court (as all three did for the

iail in Arizona earlier operation of the White House "plumbers" who carried out the Watergate burglary. They broke into the office of Dr Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist in the hope of finding something discreditable about him. He had leaked the Pentaformer Attorney General, and something discreditable H. R. Haldeman, once Mr him. He had leaked the Nixon's chief of staff. They are gon papers to the press.



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South African employers draw up code intended to end discrimination over jobs and pay

From Nicholas Ashford

Johannesburg, Dec 7 South Africa's 10 largest foreign pressure. employer organizations, representing 90 per cent of the country's commerce and industry, today announced a code of employment practice which is aimed at eliminating race discrimination in matters concerning employment, job promotion and pay. It is the first time that such a code has been devised in South Africa.

The code has been drawn up the code h

by the Urban Foundation, a

At a press conference held to introduce the new code, Mr Justice J. H. Steyn, the Urban Foundation's executive direc-tive, described it as "a sincere effort by commerce and industry to move away from discrimination, create equal opportunities irrespective of race and regulate labour patterns accord-ing to the demands of merit."

He denied that the code had been introduced in response to Private sector employers are

asked under the code to attempt, "within the evolving South African legal framework", to eliminate discrimidation based on race or colour in four main areas.

business organization set up in and training programmes; the wake of last year's black recognition of the basic rights unrest to look into the problems of urban black communities, in partnership with the
South African Employers' Conof labour " as a result of industrial disputes.

Questioned about how the code could be made effective, Mr Charles du Toit, the chairman of the employer's committee, admitted there was no way in which adherence could be marriaged at affected the be monitored or enforced. He said the code should be seen as the law. As time went by, it

the situation drift from bad to

"We think he is making

stage did not mean he was "closing the door to talks with the British".—Agence France-

Spassky calls off Brazilians to be allowed to

Rio de Janeiro, Dec 7

Unless President Geisel intervenes within the next two weeks, Brazilians will be able to apply for a divorce for the first time by Christmas.

Rules for allowing marriages to be dissolved here been approved by the Senate and applications are expected from thousands of desquitudos—people who are legally separated but who have hitherto been unable to remarry.

unable to remarry.

Many have already formed

From Peter Godfrey

Rio de Janeiro, Dec 7

divorce, but only once

Presse.

security forces.
Lusaka. D

criticized on the grounds that neither white nor black (nonneither white nor black (non-registered) trade unions were considered before it was formu-lated, and because it falls con-siderably short of the provisions contained in the employment codes drawn up earlier this year by the European Community and the United States.

In particular it makes no commitment to a "viable living wage" or the questions of migratory labour and it skirts the issue of recognition of black trade unions .

It is understood that the companies who belong to the Urban Foundation had been pressing for a tougher and more comprehensive code. However, they met with strong resistance from some of the mere conservative members and, as a result, the code is considerably tamer than originally envisaged.

Trade unionists today adopted a wait-and-see approach. Mr Artbur Grobbelaar, the general secretary of the Trade Union Council of South Africa, said it would be up to employers to "put their money where their mouths are".

Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, at a London press conference yesterday. On his left is Mr Abraham Kidron, the Israeli Ambassador, and on his right Mr Dan Pattir, press ad viser.

press fears bad image

From Nicholas Ashford

Johannesburg, Dec 7 power by force, Mr Chinamano said Mr Nkomo had always been determined to negotiate a settlement, but all the gates had been closed by others. Therefore he would not sit back and watch the situation drift from had an account of the situation drift from had an account of the situation drift from had always been determined to the situation of the situation drift from the situation of the situation drift from had always been determined to negotiate a settlement, but all the gates had been closed by others. Therefore he would not sit back and watch of the Afrikaans press.

Meanwhile, two more white farmers were murdered yester-day by guerrillas in the Cashel area, in eastern Rhodesia. ing the validity of the magistrates' verdict, are clearly Eight guerrillas, three women and one man living with the guerrillas, have been killed by

Airica's image. Dec 7.—Black

of the system of detention and rer.

"Oh God, save us from this man Owen", the Governmentowned Zambia Daily Mail nterrogation

mess of the whole thing," Mr Rugare Gumbo, the information secretary of Mr Robert Mugabe's Zanu (Zimbabwe African National Union) move-

ment, said
Black African wrath at Dr
Owen centres on his comment The comment of Dis the white-led Rhodesian Army was not "on its back" and "this may have some advantage in getting an overall comproto give the reasons for his find mise".—Reuter.
Maputo, Dec 7.—Mr Nkomo
and Mr Mugabe, the joint
leaders of the Patriotic Front,

met here today to try to mend the split caused by their differ-ing reactions to Dr Owen's invitation to talks in London. Meanwhile, the Bike family invitation to talks in London.

Mr Mugabe yesterday turned the British offer down. Mr Nkomo accepted it.

Sources close to Mr Mugabe said today he would try to persuade Mr Nkomo not to go to London. On the other hand, the sources added, Mr Mugabe's refusal to meet Dr Owen at this

Johannesburg, Dec 7.-Black johannesburg, Dec 7.—Black journalises on the Post, which began publication last month, after The World, the newspaper for black South Africans, was banned, went on strike yes-

costly sanction busting: Bock and Co Led, of London, a company which thinks it lost money in breaking sanctions on goods for Rhodesia, was fined \$8,500 in London yesterday. Its export manager, Mr John Sherwood, admirred five joint counts of experient pagents and rejected or rewrote articles judged too provocative.

Husain attempt to reconcile Egypt and Syria

expected to go on to Cairo broke off relations on Monday with Syria and four other Arab states critical of his peace initia--Iraq, Algeria, Libya and

South Yemen.

King Husein was accompanied to Damascus by Mr Mudar Badtun, the Jordanian Prime Minister, and Mr Abdul Hamid Sharaf, chief of the royal court and one of his main advisers.

Jordan has carefully refrained from taking sides in the acrimonious querrelling that has followed the Sadut visit and has set Syria against its chief Arab ally. Revot.

Meanwhile, Riyadh radio quoted the Saudi Information Minister as saying that reports from Libya that Saudi Arabia and other oil states planned to cut their financial subsidies to Egypt were groundless. "The Kingdom hes taken no measures

Demascus, Dec 7.—King to this effect," he said.

Husain of Jordan, who has said he will work to resolve the differences among the Arabs resulting from President Sadar's visit to Israel, arrived without fanfare at a military airport outside Damascus today and almost immediately began talks with President Assad of Syria. After six hours of discussions the returned to Amman and is much noise likely that the Despite the reports from Libya that Saudi Arabia was planning to cut its end to Egypt, diplomatic sources said it was much more likely that the Saudis would play a mediating role.

It was Saudi Arabia that reconciled Syria and Egypt at the end of 1976 after relations between the two had been badly strained by Egypt's signing of the second Sinai disengage ment agreement and Syria's military intervention in Leba

The United States is also be-The United States is also be-lieved to favour a reprochement between Syria and Egypt in the interest of furthering the chances of an overall Middle East settlement rather than risk the possibility of a less satisfactory, separate Egyptian-terall pages agreement

Washington, Dec 7.—Mr Cyrus Vence, the American Secretary of State, left for Europe and the Maddle East today, affirming that the nego-tiations between Egypt and Israel are a major step

Mr vance, who aleaded first for Brussels and a meeting of Nato foreign ministers, also said in a brief departure state ment that Washington's commitment to the Atlantic alliance remains the heart of our foreign policy".

At a press conference before his trip, Mr Vance expressed the full support of the Carter Administration for the initia-tives of President Sadat and Mr Been, the Israeli Prime

Minister.

He said they had "broken through psychological barriers which liave impeded progress toward peace in the Middle East for three decades. As a result, an irreversible process

A settlement was now nos-sible without a Geneva con-ference although the United States continued to favour that kind of a comprehensive pero-tiated Middle East settlement.

the said.

He added: "President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin have made a breakthrough, and we intend to help them wherever possible to enlarge that opening... Our proper role is to support their progress and help broaden in to all fronts." and Prime Minister Begin have and Prime Minister Begin have made a breakthrough, and we intend to help them wherever with leasel. Nearly two million possible to enlarge that opening. . Our proper role is to support their progress and help broaden it to all fronts."

Mr Vence will return to Washington on December 15 after visiting Belgium, Egypt.

Will address a mass demonstration in Cakro tomorrow in support of his policy of direct talks with leasel. Nearly two million people are expected to attend. In Mr Mahmound Riad, the Egyptian secretary-general of the Arab League, appealed to Arab leaders today to bury their differences.—Agence France-

Charles Bargrove writes from Paris: The French Government is using its influence with Arab

is using its influence with Arab Governments to persuade them to adopt a more positive approach to President Sadat's initiative.

The refusal of Syria at the Tripodi summit earlier this week to associate itself with the rejection of any negotiated solution may be due in part to the efforts of M Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, who was in Damascus eight days before.

before.

France fears that a collapse of the hopes raised by President Sadat would bring a revival of tension in the Middle East that would be catastrophic for West Europe. It would raise the spectre of another oil embargo by the Arab producers, and spell a revival of Soviet influence in the Middle East.

Cairo, Dec 7.—President Sadat Cairo, Dec 7.—President Sadat will address a mass demonstra-

In brief

'Icepick killing' fugitive held

New York, Dec 7.—Joan Little, a black fugitive from a North Carolina jail, who was acquitted of the icepick murder of a white jarler two years ago,

was recaptured today, two months after escaping.

Although oleared of the mur-der of the jailer, who she said was attempting to rape her, Miss Little had been serving seven to 10 years for a previous conviction. She and a man companion were arrested in New

Saucers shelved New York, Dec 7.—The United Nations General Assembly's special political committee has shelved a resolution proposed by Sir Eric Gairy, Grenada's Prime Minister, which called for a full-scale study of unitered the study of the

dentified flying objects. Journalists freed

Karachi, Dec 7.—Twenty-six journalists and press workers attrested for staging a hunger strike in protest at the closure of the newspaper Musawat, which is owned by Mr Bhuno Pakistan's former Prime Minister, have been released.

Mass amnesty plea New York, Dec 7.-Anniesty presented

million-signature petition to the United Nations cathing on all the world's governments to political

LP inventor killed

ark, aged 71, inventor of the long-playing record, was

to find a policeman able or willing to give evidence against a colleague, Mr John Hobiey, the Attorney General ac-

Seven die in rail crash

Warsaw, Dec 7.—Seven people died and 49 were injured when a passenger wain was derailed near Konin, wessern Poland.

Moscow, Dec 7.—American and Soviet officials signed a protocol here calling for fur-ther development of a joint-

Bishop Muzorewa to attend Smith talks

From Frederick Cleary

Salisbury, Dec 7

Bishop Abel Muzorews, the leader of the United African National Council, is to attend the second round of internal waiting to invade Rhodesia from Zambia and Botswana to wrest nower by force, Mr Chinamano had always

Mr David Mukome, the UANC's publicity secretary, said today his organization was now ready to start settlement negotiations and the bishop would lead his party's delegarion. The bishop boycotted the first meeting last Friday after the killing of 1,200 guerrillas by Rhodesian security forces in their recent raids into Mozambious.

The Rev Ndabaningl Sithole.
the leader of another internal
group, is due in Salisbury tomorrow and is expected to
head the ANC (Sithole) delegation. Senato Chief Chirau Lusaka, Dec 7.—Black nationalist guerrilles today nationalist guerrilles today accused Dr Owen, the Foreign of the Chirau of the Rhodesia issue and said his attitude raised the question of British sincerity in the management gotion. Senato Chief Chirau will head his Zimbabwe United

People's Organization team.

Meanwhile, a highly respected
member of Bishop Muzorewa's organization today spoke favourably of the internal negorations. He is Dr Stanlake Samkange, professor of history at North-East University, Boston, who returned recently from the United States to Rhodesia

after a 12-year exile to become the bishop's political adviser. Samkange said he believed Mr Smith means business

whole nation. He did not think the talks were another that Rhodesian raids against that Rhodesian raids against Zanu transit comps in Mozamitive discussions in the past 12 bique last month may have shown the Patriotic Front that tive discussions in the past 12 years.
"If we miss this there is unlikely to be another chance", he said. He declined to say how long he thought the talks would last but said he expected

some hard bargaining.
Mr Josiah Chinamano, the ANC (Zimbabwe) vice-president, claimed today that Dr David Owen, the Foreign

Secretary, has given his "muste blessing" to the internal negotiations. Mr Chinamano, who has just

returned from talks with Mr Nkomo in Lusaka, said he supported President Kaunda's an-nouncement that he had withdrawn support from the Angio-American peace plan.

He went on to say that the concession of one-man-one-vote by Mr Smith as a basis for discussion in return for which he sought guarantees for minority groups, would not draw Mr Nkono back to Rhodesia to take

part in the talks.
Reflecting predictable frustration at the possibility of the talks succeeding, which could leave the Patriotic Front in the could when it some the cold when it comes to the eventual formation of a black of exporting petrol plumps and administration after independs spares to Rhodesia worth ence, Mr Chinamano said the £27,000.

because of a cold

Belgrade, Dec 7.—Boris Spassky, losing 2—4 to Viktor

Korchnoi in the match to decide who will challenge Anatoly

Karpov for the world chess championship, called off the seventh game today because of a cold. The game will be played

on Friday. Each player has the right to

three postponements during the

20-game march. Spassky has

P-K3 P-OJ R-K15 P-OBJ B-K16 B-G2 B-G2 R-R5 K1-OZ3 K

now exercised the right twice.

of the drawn sixth game:

Spassky (White) Korchnol trench Defence

chess game

Afrikaans Prime Minister was now trying to settle Rhodesia's affairs "with what we regard as his from Biko

The magistrate's ruling in the Steve Biko case that no one was criminally responsible for the death in detention of the Black Consciousness leader not only provoked a storm of procest overseas but is worrying most

These normally pro-Government papers, while not question. anxious about the effect the evidence has had on South

An editorial in Rapport said that some of the details of the conditions in which hir Bike was detained were "shocking". It called for a thorough review

Interrogation

Beeld, which described the treatment of Mr Biko in his coll as medieval, also called for a reform of the system of detention without trial. The minimum reform, it said, was that professional men of irreproachable standing should have greater access to detainees and should be able to report to judges on matters such as a detainee's health.

valer was that South Africa should learn from its mistakes. "We cannot afford another Biko case", it said. Die Vaderland regretted that the magistrate did not deem it necessary ings. The magistrate, Mr Martinus Prins, confirmed earlies this week that the inquest was now closed and that he would not add to his three-minute verdict delivered last

Meanwhile, the Biko family plans within the next few weeks to take civil action against the persons responsible for Mr Biko's death. Mr Shun Chetty, the family's lawyer, said a claim for substantial damases would be lodged against Mr James Kruger, the Minister of Justice.

terday to demand the resigna-

white editor.

They complained that Mr
Miskelly showed an "unacceptable" artitude towards his staff
and to Africans in general. He

The Sepace's decision has

Under the Senate's rules,

Brazilians will be able to apply

Australia's Governor-General ends

his term Canberra, Dec 7.—Sir John Kerr, who dismissed Mr Gough Whirlam, the Labour Prime Minister, two years ago and pre-

Governor-General.

Sir Zelman Cowen, bls successor, will be sworn in tomorrow, 48 hours before this week's

row, 48 hours before this week's general election.

Mr Fraser, the Prime Minister, who was appointed caretaker bead of government after Mr Whitham's dismissal on November 11, 1975, and is leader of the Liberal-National Country Party coshition that was swept into power in the general election a month later, paid tribute to Sir John's an official farewell ceremony.

"Thank you very much for everything you have done for Australia", he said.
Sir John announced his resignation in July after three years

nation in July after three years in office. He said he was stepping down because of the partisan feelings aroused by his dismissal of the Whitlam Govern-

ment.
Mr Whitlam, who described his dismissal as a coup d'état, and other Labour Party leaders refused to meet Sir John, and he became the target of a num-ber of violent demonstrations in the streets and at universi-

Sir Zelman Cowen, who is 58, Queensland University. He is a legal and constitutional expert who helped establish legal sys-tems in Ghana, Hongkong and the West Indies.

Marcos critic absent from Amnesty forum The Senate's decision has popular support. Several months ago when it gave its approval in principle for a divorce law there was dancing in the streets. Strong opposition from the Roman Catholic Church has recently become more muted and it is thought unlikely that President Geisel will veto the reform.

By Our Foreign Staff
Mr Jose Diokno, a lawyer and former senator in the Liberal Perty of President Marcos, has been prevented from leaving the Philippines to attend an Amnesty International conference on capital punishment in Stockholm over the weekend.

When merial law was intro-

When markal law was intro-duced. Mr Diokno resigned from the party. He later spent about two years in prison. The conference marks the beginning of a year's campaign by Amnesty International with the abolition of capital punish-ment as a primary aim.

Colonel Gaddafi seeks new image

fields in the Gulf of Gabes; restored diplomatic relations restored applomatic relations with Jordan; and been active in trial to solve the problems of the Muslim minority in the Philippines, although there are times who believe he was behind the militancy of the Moro Liberation Front in the

line Arab states should residual to President Saddi's peace initiative with Israel. Major Abdol Jalloud, Colonel Gaddafi's closest political associate, expressed himself in language that would make even former President Nixon pause.

The major was quickly rebuked by Colonel Gaddafi, who upbraided him for using unstatesmanilke language. In the normal way of meetings by Arab heads of state it. In the case of the Irish Re-

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The lobbies of Tripoli's two main hotels see an almost More Liberation Front in the constant stream of visitors from first place.

Diplomats believe Colonel movement. Even those that are respectable by Western standards do not always get the help they are seeking. The Library are camy with their off revenues.

It is not that Colonel Gaddali has renounced revolution. His speeches are replete with anti-imperialist rhearic and he has long seen himself as a latter-

usually the leaders of other which threatened the lives of long seen himself as a latter. Arab nations who caim down women and children as much the two "firsts among equals" as suyone else, are said to have of the Libyan revolution.

It serves to illustrate Colonel beliefs.

Gaddafi's attempts to cultivater a new, more responsible image, colonel Gaddafi supported terboth in the Arab world and elsewhere.

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north of New York. Police keep silent

Joint action on energy

FBI makes Kennedy murder papers public

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The fortress-like headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in central Washington unday opened its heavily guarded portals to allow the press and the public to perusa for the first time some 6cwt of documents assembled by the egency on the assassination of President Kennedy.

The files, totalling 40,001 pages of memorandums, telegrams and reports, were made available under the Freedom of Information Acts after requests from more than 50 organizations and individuals. It cost the FBI nearly \$187,000 (£100,000) to prepare all the files made available under the FBI agents, who are employed to sift all the Kennedy fules, are now working on a second batch of some 40,000 documents, due to be released early in the new year.

Virtually all of the documents published today were seen by members of the Warren Commission, set up by Presi-

dent Johnson to investigate the assassination. Although the commission farmly rejected any conspiracy theory, the release of many documents it dismissed as irrelevant is almost certain to fuel freeh speculation that Lee Harvey Oswald did not act alone. Some 25 journalists and two

Some 25 journalists and two members of the public assembled at FBI headquisters early today to be taken under escort to lecture rooms where two complete copies of the files are available for perusal.

News organisations such as United Press International and NBC, the television network had already paid \$4,000.10 (10 cents a page) for complete copies which they carted away in vans before their less affluent collesgues arrived. They have detailed teams of reporters to according every page, however

scrutinize every page, however irrelevant, during the coming days.

Security was tight. I was manis and undercover agents accompanied by a pleasant, blue, who provided information durblazered FBI agent when I left ing its long investigation.

main: sections information about the assassination itself, and about the investigations into the backgrounds of Lee Harvey. Oswald and Jack Ruby, who shot and killed Oswald in front of the background and section of the legisled Oswald in front of the television cameras.

bound in plain cardboard, consists of 200 or so pages, many of them heavily censored. The FMI has taken particular care to score out the names of informants and undercover agents

agent explained that the fix the FBI did its homework with five-drawer filing cabinets at the front of the room were packed tight with files. One whimsted reporter suggested that the pres should organize a new movement calling for the repeal of the Freedom of Information Act.

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those who want to scrutinize the files is that there is no comprehensive index. The documents are divided into three

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The KBI also investigated with its customary thoroughness a report that Ruby had once been seen in Cuba, apparently based on an elleged encounter by three American businessmen in a Hevana nightclub in 1959.

All three men were interviewed but were unable to substantiate their allegations to the samisfaction of the KBI. Subsequent searches by both the Central Intelligence Agency and the Same Department came up with no evidence that Ruby had ever visited Cuba.

Another file on the assassination itself is full of long ramesings by cranks and others who gave mortiless leads to the FBI.

for one divorce only during their lifetime. In the case of a marriage parmer becoming mentally ill, divorce proceedings cannot begin until five years after the idness has been an unofficial queue, instructing their lawyers to submit formal applications as soon as the new law is published. Student dies in Turkish election violence

From Sinan Fisck Right-wing terorists killed a and shot. Right-wing terorists killed at Turkish-Cypriot student at Istanbul's Academy of Fine Arts early today and seriously wounded another in a gangland style "execution", the semi-official Anatolian News Agency Unidentified people kidnapped the two first-year students, aged 18 and 19, and took them to a house in the city's Alesaray area. They told the Aksaray area. They told the two that they would be killed in retaliation for the nurder of a retaliation for the nurder of a retaliation for the nurder of a regular by left-wing factions at the Istanbul Academy of Architecture and Engineering.

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to a field near Buyakcekmece Lake, 29 miles west of Istanbul,

Muhahhem Ozdemir died immediately. Ulmen Salih, a student in the sculpture department, was hit in the neck and face but gendarmes, notified by people who heard the shots, managed to get the story from him before he lost conscious-

troubles came during the runtroubles came during the run-ing to next Sunday's municipal elections, which have been transformed into a show of power between the right-wing coalition Government of Mr Suleyman and the powerful opposition of Mr Bulent Ecevit, the Democrat leader.

Student's trial delay Moscow, Dec 7.—Mr Andrel Klymchuk, aged 21, the London Another student was killed and seven injured in a gun-battle between right-wing and student held in the Ukraine since August 1 on charges of

Eskimoes to be allowed small whale quota

Tokyo, Dec 7.—The Inter-national Whaling Commission today lifted a total ban on bow-bead whaling to allow Eskimoes to land 12 a year, or make 18 strikes whichever comes first: strikes, whichever comes first. The action was taken in a plenary session on the final day of a special two-day meeting of the commission. The original American proposal, which would have allowed 30 strikes or 15 whales lauded, was de-feated in a rechnical committee

meeting this morning.

The final proposal was supported by 11 of the 15 countries taking part, including the United States, the Soviet Union and Japan: Australia, Canada and the Netherlands voted assigns the resolution against the resolution

A total ban had been imposed on bowdead whaling at the June meeting.—UPL

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which flew below the speed of but its designers continue to sound, were currently incapable have trouble with the surrent's of jamming enemy defence engines, which use far too much radars, and were intended

Russia develops Concorde-type bomber

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By Archur Reed
Air Correspondent

The prototype of a long in British and France for charge anilateral depletion of military may be supported in British and France for charge anilateral depletion of military might, it was no surprise that Concorde rival, has been produced by the Soviet Union, according to the latest edition of lane's All The World's Air fully lustified.

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activity over starting new circular projects by the national ized British Aerospace. Hopes that the stare consortium might have been launched on the hasts of an imaginative, integrated dynamic production programme have been dashed. "Throughout the West, the new animiters that will be deeded in the 1980s and 1990s are still merely paper agre-planes." planes."

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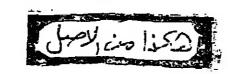
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Ipswich transfixed by Cruyff's gifts

Mortimer inspires Villa to produce their best

Football Correspondent

Barcelona advanced to the last ght of the Ucfa Cup here last ght. They beat Ipswich Town 0; the game went to extra time as the sides were level on aggre-gate, 3—3. Barcelona then won the penalty contest to decide the

ne. Rain billowed across the almost barren terraces of the Nou Camp stadium. Obviously, locally the game was seen as a foregone con-

game was seen as a foregone conclusion and news from Bilbao
bardly encouraged Spanish enthusiasm as the balf-time score of 1—0
to Aston Villa flashed on the scoreboard. Ipswich were without
fleattie, who had broken down in
training, and they decided to use
Villeon only as a substitute.

They still began from a position
of strength and, quietly, they
seemed to take a long look at
Barcelona's home style before tak-

to the quarter-thrai round of the Uefa Cup tonight with a firm and capable performance that was fashioned in a skilled artisan way rather than by intuitive brilliance. A goal by Mortimer, his first this season, was sufficient to give Villa an overall winning aggregate of 3—1.

sition, a stern test for the best in Europe at any time, have only seen beaten once in their own tadium during European comfetition in the past 11 years. Villa asccepted the challenge implicit in that formidable record and came through magnificently for in the top flight of European feams.

Every player was involved in tonight's draw and worked splendidly for each other and undoubtedly the return to dominating form by Mortimer was one of the crucial factors. In the third splends he took a corner and

Kettering book

to East London

Kettering Town, who are engaged in an FA Cup serial with filbury, will be back in East London for the first round of the FA Challenge Trophy on January 14, when their opponents will be Walthamstow Avenue, of the Isthmian League

an League.

Mycombe Wanderers, who have yer had a home game since they at played in the competition it years ago, have a long trip

return trip

discovered that Cruyff, who had been isolated and subdued at

Osborne, who had marked him so effectively in the first leg, probably thought he was to have the same success here as he followed the Dutchman deep into the ipswich half, and in his first serious tackle emerged with the ball, but after 20 minutes the sintation was totally reserved when Cauff was totally reversed when Cruytf first made room for bimself in the easy, elegant manner of a great athlete. He moved a yard, per-haps even less, to meet a perfectly placed corner from Resach and headed strongly to the goal line. Cooper, in the Ipswich goal, was understandably deceived by the vivid movement and the ball

It was not Barcelona entirely that Ipswich had to fear but the extraordinary individual gifts of Cruyff who was much superior to all others. After his goal he

Gray, but the Scottish centre forward was marginally high with his powerful header. That seemed to set a pattern of skilled aggression by Villa which was to produce some of their best football this

some or their best football mis season. Mortimer was playing the part of a weil-oiled main spring and was ably aided by the other midfield men, Gregory. Cowans and Carrodus.

There was a sense of urgency and a fluency of style about Villa from the ourset. Their intentions were clear and an early goal was obviously their objective. With anything like luck they could have had two but anxiety intervened to theart their chances.

Bilbao found them far too much

Bilbao found them far too much and the Saws that had been apparent when they played at Vills Park two weeks ago began to widen perceptibly with a square defence conceding and granting yards of room which Villa were not slow to exploit.

Iribar, a former Spenish national goalkeeper whose slippery fingers had conceded the vital early goal in the first leg, was still anxiety.

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at Old Trafford

Alex Stepney, Manchester United's goalkeeper, is expected to stay with the club despite rumours linking him with the vacant manager's job at Millwall. Stepney lost his place to Roche in United's team three games ago but is detarmined to rev back in

Bolton to Blackpool

Alan Waldron, Bolton's midfield player, yesterday signed for Black-pool at a fee of £17,500, Waldron had the choice of Blackpool or Vancouver White Caps and chose to stay in Laucastire.

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developed attacks with enviable effortless confidence of a footbail artist. Once he swerved right and left approaching the penalty area and the whole lyswich defence seemed transfixed. Only Cooper belatedly saw the danger and pushed Cruyiffs shot over the bar. A moment or two later Cruyiff again went ghiding past three vain tackles and opened a huge gap through which to skip an inviting past to Sanchez, whose shot hit the post.

made a goal possible by pulling the Ipswich defenders across to the left side, leaving Cruyff space on their right. He made more for

ridden and made a terrible hash of one particular header from Gray, whose presence around the good area had Iribar in a state of constant nervous tension.

Gidman in his overlapping rums down the right was also causing immense problems to defenders who could not get to grips with his style at all. As the half went on Villa's domination was impressive and had to eventually earn its reward. It was only a matter of time before a goal came and when it did so a minute before talf time it was made and stored with skill and firmless. Gregory started the move deep in defence as he teased and pushed the ball through a defender's legs to Gidman who, in a passage of skill and pace, progressed with Gray deep into the Bilbao half. Gidman then put over a measured centre that was met with equal precision by Mortimer as he headed it down past the stricken goalkeeper. It was a psychological disaster at that point for Bilbao, but to their credit they came back at Villa through a second half that began to run their way as Villa's early grip relaxed.

Stepney expected Rangers decide to part

company with Francis

spiration from Cruyff but when Inswich replaced Whymark with Geddis they, too, became more imaginative. I wice Geddis broke into the Barcelona penalty area on the end of an Inswich break-away and from the second of these attacks Gates but the cross-bar. A goal at that point could have saved a lot of tension.

Cruyff remained a constant problem even though Mariner was unfortunate to have a goal disallowed by the referee who preferred to award him a free kick for a foul he had overcome. minutes left Clares, a substitute, appeared in front of the Ipswich goal, almost inviting an overforward, ran two yards, hesitated, fooled Cooper and placed the ball in the net to take the game into extra time.

In one terrible mix up as the end approached Phillips headed against his own post and Rimmer, a model of safety hitherto, was finally beaten in the 86th minute when Churruca found Dani with a fast, head-high centre and the winger headed cleanly past Villa's goalkeeper.

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The game began to develop a perulant side to it as Bilboo were frushrated at every turn by some firm. Villa tackling. Smith and Gray were booked for dissent as was Dani, of Bilboo. But Villa refused to be sidetracked into niggling reaction and their professionarism was handsomely re-

nigeling reaction and their professionalism was handsomely rewarded. Ron Saumiers had every
right to be proud of their display
which he said was probably the
best this season particularly in the
first half before they allowed
Bilbao a measure of room after
the interval.

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Goals from the Isis, rears from

By Geoffrey Green

By beating Cambridge University yesterday—their biggest win since the university match was switched to the wide open spaces of Wem-bley in 1953—Oxford University brought off the footbell double. The thin mist that hung over the afternoon had a dark-bine tiage about it; the pitiless, lucessant rain that fell was rear drops from the Cam.

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I suppose one will have to give a coldish nod in the Oxford direction. They deserved to win, although there was never a fourgoal difference between the sides. Rasically Oxford meet the ball was seven which in the ball was seven which is the ball was seven by the ball was Basically Oxford meet the ball more methodically and sensibly in the skidding conditions, while Cambridge, employing a 4-2-4 formation, scarrely used the ball properly out to their wings. The ebony Adomakoh, though with the promise of a Pelé in his feet, seldom got the right service, and only once managed to break behind the defence to pitch his centre to the far post.

That came five mnutes before

centre to the far post.

That came five minutes before the interval, when Oxford were leading 1—0. At that moment Dinkenor came up to head what should have been a goal, but put the ball over the bar. What might have been the end had that been 1—1, one will never know, for three minutes later a free kick from the right by Oxford was headed home firmly by the tall smith to the top corner, for 2—0. So Oxford went in with their talls wagging. After that it was a walkover.

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alla wagging. After that it was a walkover.

A certain licence is traditionally allowed after this sort of occasion—especially Boat Race night—but I doubt if Cambridge did much but crawl home with their rails between their legs. For them it was a matter of harnessing the style of comedy to convey the substance of tragedy. It was indeed a mixture of the two which saw their centre half, Grundy, slip to a long clearance from the Oxford defence and allow Marshall Hall to glide through on a long run and finish the move with a precise shot inside the far post as the goal-keeper came off his line.

Watching with a light-blue heart one caught oneself every now and then coughing like a pained sheep. Cambridge sadly were unable to strike the fetters from their heels and, a quarter of an hour from the end, when Roberts missed an open goal for them, close in, the headmaster of Shrowsbury, an Oxford man, allowed himself a sardosic smile. That hurt.

By then Oxford were three up

Company with HTancis

Gerry Francis could well be playing in continental football early in the new year after being put on the transfer list by Queen's Park that the timing had been deliberate. Rangers yesterday. Francis, a middleld player and former Englished captain, was nold be could go after rejecting a new contract. He is looking for a move which will bring him security for the rest of his playing days and that type of money is only to be found abroad.

Any club willing to put the rikely asking price of £300,000 will have to make certain that Francis is back to fall fitness. Injuries have dogged him for the last is months; be missed the first half of last season with back trouble and played only six matches this season before damaging a knee.

Francis could return to first sample as club captain five years later and has made 294 senior appearances in league, cup and the Ue'a Cup. Gradually he demensed in a reserve fixture against Eristoi in the path of Kevin Keegan, or to the Netherlands. Ron Phillipps, Rangers' secretary, said yesterday to the Netherlands. Ron Phillipps, Rangers' secretary, said yesterday to the Netherlands. Ron Phillipps, Rangers' secretary, said yesterday to the Netherlands. Ron Phillipps, Rangers' secretary, said yesterday to the Netherlands. Ron Phillipps, Rangers' secretary, said yesterday to the Netherlands. Ron Phillipps, Rangers' secretary, said yesterday to the Netherlands. Ron Phillipps, Rangers' secretary, said yesterday that the inting pha that the inting bad been deliberate. "We have made him available now because he is now fully fit, and is available for selection for available for selection five savailable for selection five wash that the inting bad have available now because he is now fully fit, and is available for selection for savailable for selection five wash that the inding bad only in a sacciation between Rangers and Francis, the son of a former likely asking price of £300,000 will have to make certain that Francis is back to fall films. Injuries have dogged him for allowed himself a sardonic smile. That hurt.

By then Oxford were three up when Allanson slid home the ball after a melée and a quarter of an hour from the end Price made it 4-0 as he swerved his shot in from the right flank inder the crossbar. Cambridge by then were without option. The evidence was all in and too damning.

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in a reserve fixture against Bristoling. Rovers. But it will need several more games before interested managers are satisfied that he has recovered both fitness and form. Manchester United, where Dave Sexton, a former Rangers manager is in charge, and Arsenal are likely to head the carry inquirers for a player who captained his club at 21 and his country at 23. Liverpool may also be interested as instrumed down an offer for Graham Sonnesi.

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Cop for the first time last night
and will meet Liverpool or Coventry City in the next round. All
the drama came midway through
the second helf. Lyons put bis
side ahead when he took a rebound off Allan, the goalkeeper,
and calmly went round him and
slid the ball home.

Nine minutes later Whittle put
the issue beyond doubt with a OTHER MATCHES: Bavern Munich
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Tilbury captain is a winner

to head the early inquirers for a player who captained his club at 21 and his country at 23. Liver-pool may also be interested as last week. Middlesbrough turned down an offer for Graham Sonnesi.

But Francis has often sald he is dissatisfied with the tax system in this country and he might be happier with a move to West Germany, he damaged at ankie.

Wrexham go to town

Squash rackets

Kettering 2 Tibury's manager, was attacked by an anary supporter after his side had besten Southern League Kettering Town 3—2 in a protracted FA Cup first round replay.

Harris had to be defended by police and his own players when he ran on to the pitch after the final whistle. Harris upset the Kettering crowd during the match by persistently coaching from the touch line and was finally cautioned by the referee. Peter Reeves.

Kettering, who won the first match but were ordered to replay

Greig is reappointed as captain of Sussex by large majority

The Sussex committee chairman. Tony Crole-Rees, said that the decision had been reached after full consideration of the legal and, full consideration of the legal and, in cricket terms, political issues involved. "This was not a manimous decision but a large majority of the committee voted in favour, the voting being 11 against three "he added. Mr Crole-Rees said that some people had taken the view that Greig's behaviour, and logalty had been at times open to question, and that he did not seem to be giving 100 per cent effort to Sussex. "George Cox, the former Sussex player and a member of the committee, said that he was one of the three to vote against Greig's the three to vote against Greig's appointment and had resigned from the cricket sub-committee. He is to stand for reelection in the mid-Sussex district. Billy Griffith, the former secretary of MCC and a former Sussex captain and later president, is not pusting up for reelection to the Sussex nonced yesterday that they were not prepared to grant Roger Knight's request for his release. The left-handed batsman pre-viously played for Surrey and

Sussex have reappointed Tony committee, He is known to be Greig as their captain next season. The Sussex committee chairman, Tony Crole-Rees, said that the decision had been reached after linked with English counter at present under contract to Kerry Packer. The Test and County Packer. The less and county Cricket Board will not decide until January 6 whether to appeal against the High Court judgment that it was illegal to ban Mr Packer's signatories from the first class game in England. Sussex stress that Greig's appointment is subject to his availability but such a vote of confidence in the former England captain must strengthen Greie's belief that he will be playing for Sussex next season. Mr Cox said:
"People have said now is the time
to stand up and be counted. Well I have stood up. I was firmly against his reappointment." The Sussex committee also an-

Gloucestershire. Surrer, who are seeking a captain to follow John Edrich, had asked Sussex for per-mission to approach him. However, it is understood that Sus-sex's artitude may change if their of Sussex was not a surprise, but appointed if he had lost contact with the county side. "There are a few things to be done there and 2 rest billies to start work on them right away ". he said.

He was not sure about when he would return to England, but it would be before April ? and the start of Sussex's preparations for

Brearley visits north-western milestone

Peshawar, Dec 7.—This former British garrison town, which once guarded the north-west approaches to India—the brighnest jewel in Queen Victoria's Empire-today welcomed England's cricketers, although there were some reservations about the return of Brearley, Eleren years ego, playing on the same ground where England start a three-day match tomorrw, Brearley became the last englishman to store 300 russ in a day in a first-class match.

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26 wickets. England's opposition tomorrow is billed as the North-West Frontier Province Covernor's XI. It is a trial Test side with most interest centred on the performance of Saced Ahmed, who has played little cricket since being sent home from a tour of Australia in 1973.

GOVERNOR'S XI: Wasim Rais

Packer to step up advertising campaign

mote World Series Cricket matches and boost poor attendances at the opening games. World Series Cricket officials said an extra A512,000 would be spent in suburban newspapers around Victorian Football League Park where the metches are played in Melbourne. The location of the park, on the outskirts of Melbourne, has been blamed by some Packer officials for the disappointing crowd of nearly 14,000 people who attended the three days of last week's opening international match. The organizers have accepted that traditional cricket followers, used to watching matches at the Melbourne, Cricket Ground in the centre of the city, ere unwitting to make the hour-long journey to VFL Park.

Australia make one change to their batting line-up

Sydnoy, Dec 7.—The Australian cricket selectors have attempted to strengthen the basting with only one change is the team to meet ladia in the second Test at Perth on December 16. A New South Wales balsman, John Dyson, replaces Paul Hibbert, of Victoria. Hibbert, a left-handed player could his lirst Test against India in Brisbane and the match starting this weekend. Dilip Vengsarkar, an opening the selectors have preferred the more consistent Dyson, who stored a century in a Shelfield match against Victoria nearly two weeks ago. active only 13 and two in his first. Test against India in Brisbane and the selectors have preferred the more consistent Dyson, who scored a century in a Sheffield Shield match against Victoria nearly two weeks ago.

The Indians, rated one of the friendlest teams to visit Australia, flew out of Brisbane today in high spirits despite losing the first Test. The team manager, Polly Umrigar, said they were pleased with their performance and the result could have gone either way.

Australia straped home by just 16 runs in a thrilling finish on the fourth day to go one up in the same on the first day.—Renter.

Tennis

Miss Tyler is beaten in first round

Michele Tyler, a British Wightman Cup player, lost a tortuous first round match in a £20,000 tournament at Crystal Palace, the Bremar Cup. She fought off one match point in the eighth game of the final set but, in a match riddled with errors, went out 6—2, 4—6, 9—7 in 100 misutes to Tanya Harford, of South Africa.

to Tanya Harford, of South Africa.

Both players are 19 and both are renked number four in their respective countries. Ironically, Miss Tyler always looked the better stroke player but lacked her rival's tenacity and athleticism.

Miss Harford, who arrived in this country straight from the clay courts in Johannesburg, found Miss Tyler's opposition limited in the opening set The British girl could not set going and a poor service let ber down.

Miss Harford had a comfortable first set, but contributed to a comedy of errors in the second. Miss Tyler gained some measure of country layer gained some measure of country layer gained some measure of country was on once more. Miss Harford led 5—2 and 40—30, but a wild shot cost her the chance of a quicker victory.

Having survived that match beach.

a quicker victory.

Having survived that march point, Miss Tyler, for the only time in the march, exerted real pressure and bouled herself level at 6-6. Then she went in front with a service break in the next game. But she let her nerves get the better of her and Miss Harford, began a run of three seccessive winning games which clinched the match.

Linda Mottram made an escouraging but unsuccessful return to competitive tennis following a four-month filness, losing 6-1. 6-2 to Billie-lean King, the second seed. This first round match was by no means as one-sided as the score suggests and it took Mrs King 68 minutes to overcome some spirited opposition. Miss Mottram had five points to lead 3-0 in the second set in her best spell of the match and thez fought off two match points in the first game before points in the first game before points in the first game before points on the first game before points down.

Roche forced to withdraw

Billiards CMRISTCHURCH: World does chara-pionents: M. Forrows (India) best I. Bastle: Enclosed: 1.1.50 to 801: M. Wilman (Socional) best G. Camp. Jr. 1.152 to 985.

Rugby Union Too fast, too skilled for

South West Schools By Alan Gibson South West Schools (19 group) 12 v Australians 28 kick for the Australians. It seems, to a distant Englishman, an odd thing that the rugby union game survives—this match providing additional evidence, and even thrives—in Australia. Competing in Victoria with Australian Rules, in New South Wales with rugby league, and with football wherever the new Australians dwell, one would have doubted the capacity of the Union game to hold its place as a leading sport.

the capacity of the Union game to hold its place as a leading sport.

It may be true, as an Australian sadly said to me last night, that all these boys will play for Australia, five of them at Rugby League, and a couple, much the best of course, might just be good enough one day to play in an Australian Rules Cup Final at Melbourne. I cannot judge these refinements, but I can say that they all look useful footballers to me.

They were much too large, and fast, and skilled, for the South Western schoolboys, who were by no means a bad side. A substantial crowd, almost as many as Glootester would have had for a club metch on such a wet, cold evening, wasched them, and charted them, sand occasionally booed: them (where were a few occasions when they deserved a boo, for unnecessarily rough play). After the first half, the Australians led by 12 points. Melicost, Welliams, and Etia scored these, and Thomson lacked a penalty for the schoolboys.

lick for the Australians.

In the second half Thomson kicked three more penalty goals, which kept the South West vaguely in touch, but they were interspersed by Australian ties from Hawker. Bailey, and Williams, two of them converted by Hawker. There was never any doubt who would win. They were all good tries. The Australian three quarters ran like blazes, and were splendidly backed up by the back row, moving across the field in a practised mix. Perhaps they have had too much practice, these Australians, it depends whether you regard them as potential sportsmen or as sthoolboys.

It is rather absurd, to consider matches between young men of this stage and age as school matches, for I doubt if any of them was rushing home to his Horace but it can be said that one form or another of Australian scholarsin, will benefit from this tour. Ship, will benedit from this four.

SOUTH WEST SCHOOLS:
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Wyatt misses a chance

Derek Wyatt a Bedford wing, has had to pull our of the London side to play the North in the divisional trial match at Sudbury on Soturday because he has influenza. He is replaced by Gordon Wood of Harlequins.

This is a blow to Wyatt's bones

the selectors would have been like to measure his performance against Peter Squires, a British Liou, for the North.

Wood did not get much chance to white in the losing London South side in the regional match.

South side in the regional match This is a blow to Wyatt's hopes of adding to the one cap be gained as a replacement against Scotland in 1976. He has shown consistently good form this season and who scored two tries.

Magri title rumour denied

Charlie Magri, Britain's recordbreaking flyweight champion, will
rest from boxing for at least two
months and any suggestion that
he will connect the European tide
in the near future is inaccurate
speculation, his manager Tery not defend his title data the Albert Hall in his
speculation, his manager Tery not defend his title accurate his three professional bouts behind
him, will box against Franco
Udella, the Italian holder of the
European tide, despite offers
from Italy last week. I never
once considered the possibility.

Mr Lawless said. "What Magri
needs is experience, not 15-round response to the possibility of the seven rounds respectively."

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Kenyon gets his percentages right

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent
Pullip Kenyon, born at Blackpool, has become Britain's
national amateur squash rackets
champion at the precoclous age
of 21. He heat last soasoo's wmner, Jonathan Leslie, by 2.-5,
9.-5, 9.-3, 9.-6 with a spectaculag display of winsing shots in a
52-minute final at Abbeydale
Park, Sheffield, last evening.
Though the championship has
changed hands, it ramaties in the
keeping of the same club. Kenyon
and Leslie live a mile spart and
play at Beaconsfield's only squash
club, a modestly appointed but
congenial five-court structure
where middle-aged businessmen
may be somewhat embarrassed, if
delighted, by the standards Leslie
and kenyon in turn have set for
them, it is about time the past
and present, champione, were
granted honorary membership.

Little more than a fortnight age
Kenyon took only nine points
from Gawalla Briars in the final
of Britain's under-21 champions
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senior and supposed superior 40
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Kenyon took only nine points
from Gawain Briars in the final
of Britain's under-23 championship. Yet here he was giving his
senior and supposed superior 40
horridly sticky minutes (a meta-

Renyon's squash was remarkable suffering if for its versarility and his assured command of wide variations of pace (the latter is always the supreme test of class). He had a Australia.

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The day when no-one was prepared to claim a £1,000 prize

After the microscopic turn-out it. 25 runners for restarday's needing at Ayr, the executive must have begon wondering if they inserting at Aye, the enecutive must have begon wendering if they ought to start using that particular brand of toilet soap that banishes all known bacteria when they saw how trainers had kept their distance again moday. Admirtedly, the total number of runners has risen to 38, but they are faced with the morthying attration of a £1,000 race taging to be declared void because all the horses were withdrawn at the overnight stage.

The race concerned, the Hamilton-Campbell Challenge Cup Hamilton's Specphechase, promised to be an excellent one, with several highly talented young steplechasers among the four-dry declarations, so the blow to the racecourse is doubly hurtful. The prize money for the two-day meeting is above average and leads one to stratch one's head in bewilderment as to why, when we are constantly bombarded with appeals for better prizes; the Ayr fare is hardly nibbled at.

Kit Patterson, the joint clerk of the course, said: "I officiate at six tracks and I have never thown this happen since I begon at Gartisle in 1946. It is very disappointing as the prize money is good." The most recent case of a race having to be declared with way in May, 1974, when the Northampton Chronicle and Echo Challenge Cup at Towcester suffered that fate.

Several trainers said that they wishdrew their horses because the goods was firm, but Bill McHarg, the other joint clerk of the course, said that the going was in fact "good to firm" and had appeared in the newspapers as "Erm" because of a mistake in transmission. Mr McHarg also said that the going was in fact "good to firm" and had appeared in the newspapers as "Erm" because of a mistake in transmission. Mr McHarg also said that the going was in fact more meeting which took place on Monday and the Newcastle meeting scheduled for

conquerors are sure to prove dangerous again.

Betty Kennard's El Cardo could provide a local success in the second division of the Bicknoller Novies' Steeplechase. El Cardo followed up a game win from Willrae in a novice event at Warwick with a fine effort to take fourth place behind Menehall in a handicap at Wincarnon and that form looks better than that of Desert Wind and Clog Dance. The first division of this race looks the right opportunity for Fred Winter's Lone Eagle to get off the mark over fences. The danger here is Dornie.

Ballsbridge Company colt fetches record price

was a record for a foal auctioned by the Ballsbridge company.

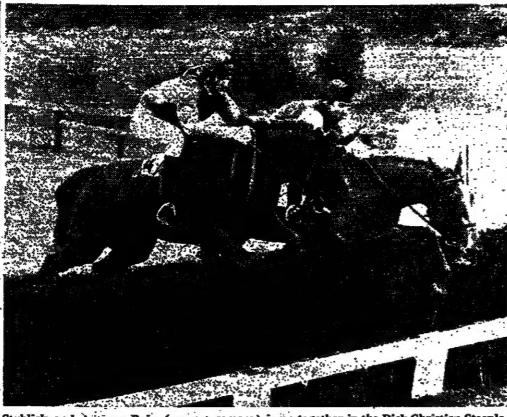
A helf-brother to Still Flying, the youngster's grand-dam was Quall, who bred five winners, including Crepello and Bold and Fast, a winner at Goodwood. The foal is also related to a Curragh Oaks winner. Ambergris, and many other winners. The vendor, Michael Slavery, of Limerick, bought the mare in a private transaction for a hargain price when she was already in foal.

Sent over from England by the

Avr programme

1.0 OLD TOLL HURDLE (Handicap: £625: 2m)

Owen Carty, a Dublin business man, paid 16,000 guiness for a barbel of a syndicate, Passing bay colf foat by Strel Heart out bit County, a winning Rustam mare, on the third day of the Ballsbridge mies in Dublin. The price was a record for a foal surrious of Cheltenham Gold Cup winner. "This was the first time we had a lot on offer in Dublin and we got a good price", an agency representative. Anthony Penfold, said afterwards. When trained at Chichester by Steve Woodman, Passing Shot was a top juvenile burdler and in the Free Handicap was given 7 lb more than Night Nurse and 3 lb more than Dramatist. Her dam, All England, was a winner and bred four winners. Curribeg Stud in Waxford paid 4,500 guineas for a bay colt foal by Martinmas out of Joyful Scene.



Stublick and Autumn Rain (nearest camera) jump together in the Dick Christian Steeple

A treble to brighten Blacker's day

The one they may all find too strong, however, is the four-year-old Cool Trader, who is trained by his owner at Bishop Auckland. Cool Trader did very well to outpace Lord Greystoke over three miles at Catterick. He appears to be improving steadily and the 4th penalty for that success should not be much of a hindrance.

Eric Collingwood's Meadow Monarch, who made such an encouraging start to his hurdling career when beating Christine Jane and Briareus at Haydock, should have Bride difficulty in following up successfully in the Glaisnock Novices' Hurdle, The only danger may be an Irish challenger, Harry Barrous, who seems sure to improve on his initial effort behind Tasseling at Navan. Another Haely winner here is Corston Lass, who chased home Philip Green at Newcastle. She appears to have Apple Princess to beat.

Taumon stage another qualifier in the valuable Knight, Frank and Rotley Hurdle series. This extremely open handicap could fall to a small stable, that of Trevor Hallett who trains at Saltash in Cornwall. Hallett's representative is the five-year-old Tipver, who has run well enough in his last two races to suggest that he is capable of winning from this handicap mark. Tipver delinating lines at Worcester last mouth. At the fevised weights Tipver should come out best this time, although his two Worcester conquerors are sure to prove dangerous again.

Restre Kernard's El Carrio could

best him by two and a hair lengths.

Village Swan would probably have one more race before being prepared for the Daily Express Trinniph Hurdle at Cheltenhamin the spring, Stuart Matthews, his trainer, said. Misplaced dolls at the entrance to the straight dld not result in any mishap in the first division of the novice? hardle, but it led to King complaining, together with colleagues who rode in the race. King, who the previous day at Newton Abbot had, together with a trainer, Tim Handel, been reported to the stewards of the Jockey Club over the running and riding of Manies.

Ayr selections

where Autumn Rain made a mis-take. Stublick was not hended from that point and, going into the last fence clear, won by 10 lengths from Autumn Rain. The only other runner, Spacer, was four lengths farther away. Head said a decision about Border Incident's future would not be made until the new year. "His leg is responding to treatment and I don't discount him running again fine stason." fine season."

Leyburn Lady, relishing the wet Lusk's conditions, captured the Syston horses.

The Hamilton-Campbell Handicap Steeplechase, which was to be run at 1.0, was declared null and void as there were no

By Our Racing Staff 1.0 Mactavish. 1.30 Cool Trader. 2.9 Meadow Monarch. 2.30 Caldbeck. 3.0 Corston Lass.

1.45 BICKNOLLER STEEPLECHASE (Div II.: Novices: £582

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1 0330-10 Desert Wind (D), F. Walwyu, 5-11-4 ... W. Smith
2 002-444 El Carde (D), Mrs E. Kannerd, 7-11-4 ... P. Richards 5
6 005-043 Clos Dance, R. Turnell, 5-10-11 ... S. C. Knight
7 0-01002 King of Swing, P. Yarding, 6-10-11 ... E. Wyight
8 p00- Link's Eng., Miss S. Morris, 5-10-11 ... E. Wyight
9 09-0402 Peace and Quiet, J. Bradley, 5-10-11 ... M. Williams
10 00-0402 Peace and Quiet, J. Bradley, 5-10-11 ... M. Ballands
11 00-0402 Peace and Quiet, J. Bradley, 5-10-11 ... M. Ballands
12 0020-0 Tarra, J. Cobern, 6-10-11 ... M. Ballands
13 009- Yuang King, J. Cobern, 7-10-11 ... G. McCourt
14 00-040 Yessey Massing, P. Muggeridge, 6-10-11 ... T. Naugeridge 7
7-4 Desert Wind, 5-2-El Carde, 11-4 Clog Dance, 5-1 Tanra, 16-1 others:

2.15 KINGSTON-ST-MARY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £832:

2.45 AXMOUTH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £712: 2m)

By Our Racing Staff 12.15 Lone Eagle, 12.45 Jocks Bond, 1.15 Tipver, 1.45 El Cardo, 2.15 Willow Hound, 2.45 Soon For Sale.

3.0 BRAEHEAD HURDLE (Maidens : £507 : 24m)

3.0 BRAKHKAD HURDLE (Maidens: £507: 24m 1 0-4040 Brencheld's Beys, G. Wallace, 7:11-5 2 00400- Noverthelase, J. Earley, 8-11-5 2 00400- Spanish Curvency, L. Docker, 7:11-5 2 00460- Apple Princess, W. Zhouker, 7:11-5 2 00460- Spanish Curvency, L. Docker, 7:11-5 2 00460- Spanish Curvency, L. Docker, 7:11-5 2 00460- Spanish Curvency, L. Docker, 7:11-5 2 00460- Spanish Curvency, Jenya Smith, 6-10-12 1 00-432 Curvenn Less, G. Elchard, 10-12 1 00-432 Curvenn Less, G. Elchard, 10-12 1 00-432 Curvenn Less, G. Elchard, 10-12 1 00-432 Curvenn Less, R. Whitaker, 10-12 1 00-432 Curvenn Less, R. Whitaker, 10-12 1 00-432 Curvenn Less, R. Coldie, 6-10-12 1 00-432 Curvenn Less, S.-2 Apple Princess, 4-1 Ballyrobin, 6-10-1 Miss Kennedy, 16-1 others.

15 2-40004 Curraghging, T. Hallett, 6-10-1 17 04-03 George Kirlind G. H. Psice, 8-10-0 18 00000 angel Abourt (b). H. Psyss, 7-10-0 19-2 Noscio, 100-30 Pick Ma. 5-1 Palace, 13-2 Sarpala Day, Virginia Drive; 12-1 Thyear, 14-1 Opt Out, 20-1 others.

town; pointed out the danger the colls caused. They left only room for about four horses abreast to squeeze through.

Nicholas Lees, the clerk of the course, agreed that the dolls should not have been there—they are used to funnel horses on to the steeplechase. course. The streaming it out to be 16 yards.

"I have been there—they they were not there when I walked the course about an hour before racing and unfortunately they were not visible from the stands because of the mist which hung over that part of the course." Mr Lees aid.

That leg of the meiden hurdle went to Bond's Best, whom Tinkler winner and was an initial soccess of the season for Barton-on-Rumber trainer, Tony Fotts, who has had only three runners in the past two months because of coughing in this yard.

The other division went to Tomalinden Tillia, who was in front from three hurdles out and held Screpalot and Asileh at bay on the runin. She provided rher, kevin Whyte, with his class of his stable companion Border linkdent, the Embersy Premier Steeplechase.

The lead thermated between the top weight Autunn Eain and

Twist went away on the flat. John Dixon, who trains at Carlisle and also owns Holly Twist, has only four horses and it was his fifth winner of the season. He said: "Holly Twist will make a real; "Bolly Twist will make a real; bood chaser in about a year." Leirum, backed down to 5-1 on in the second division of the Lagg Novices Hurdle, turned the race into a procession when hacking up by 10 lengths from Minibus. It was the only winner for Brian Lusic's Irish stable from three horses.

12.30 (12.33) LAGG MURDLE (DIV 1: Novices: 2443: 2m) China Ged, b c, by Camahaw— Write Goddess (Mrs M. White), 4-10-11 J. O'Nell (7-4) 1 Friendly Bey Godding (6-4 fev) 2 fatherns R. Lamb (13-2) 3 ALSO RAN: 5-1 Carsegowan (4th), 25-1 Harrot Lady, 5 ran, TOTE: Win, 25p: dual forecast, 21p. B. Cambidge, at Shifnel, *al. 10. Caxion Hall, Cool Shoam did not run. 1.0 (1.4) VULMIDAS STEEPLECHASE (Mandicap: £886; 2m) D. Coulding (even) 1

Coly 2 ren.
TOTE: Wm. 13p. G. W. Richard, at

raystoke. 1 4.

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1.50 (1.32) FISHERTON HURDLE (Handlerp: 2015: 2m)
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Calabari Demart .. J. O'Nelli (6-1) 3
3 ran.
TOTE: Wm, 34p: dual forward .. 13p.
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Little Swift, ch m, by Festive—
Cavitie (R. https://doi.org/10.70/10.00
Ranning Wind A. R. Crank (7-4)
Skiddaw View J. O'Nell (4-6 inv)

TOTE: Win. 70p; dual forecast. 64p. D. McLean at Dundee, "J. 121,

Helly Twist, br q, by Ruber—
Up Spirits (J. Dixon), 5-11-0
Lip Spirits (J. Dixon), 5-11-0
Cask and Glass G. Fanikary (9-4)
Beavella R. Lamb (3-1) S ren.
TOTE: Win, 21p; dual fereçant, 21p.
Dixon at Caritsie. 21, 301. 3.0 (3.2) LACC HURBLE (DIV Novices EAAS HUMBLE (DIV II:
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Lairum, b 0. by Giglis Mear—
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6-11-7. J. O'Now! (1-5 fav) Minisha. Mr J. Cambidge (8-1: 2
Powers G. Hawkins (25-1: 2
Powers G. Hawkins (25-1: 3),
20-1 Just Tempost (11: Sandman.
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dual forecast, 17p. B. Lusk at Ireland.
101, 203.
TOTE DOUBLE. Am Gassad Wall.

TOTE DOUBLE: Any Second, Holbs Twist, £5,05. TREBLE: Sea Count. Ligit Swift, Leitum, £10.90. Webber to return

Tennis

Barefoot and beefy Fijians tread new ground in the World Cup

From Dudley Doust

Manila, Dec 7

Bare-footed and wearing their traditional sidas, the sarouge that hang knee-length round their legs, the Fiji Islanders made an suspicious first appearance in the World Cup yesterday when they were traditional substitution of the cold weather at home. The field of 50 nations, with all strokes counting from both players in each team, was threatening to played in the pro-am event that preceded the event that begins today at the Wack Wack golf and country club outside the Philippine capital of Manila.

strokes counting from both players in each team, was threatening to fall to 49 because the Mexicans failed to show up or notify officials of any travel problems. Should they be forced to withdraw it will be painful for Ernesto Acosta, a Mexican who last year won the individual title in California.

The British sides have not arrived without missdyepture. The

Welshmen, Graig Defo yand David Vaughan, were given the wrong air tickets and lended here late yesterday night jet-lagged, and with Defoy's clubs somewhere near Bangkok. He is now faced with using rather short clubs provided by the club professional. Eamoun Darcy, of Ireland, is recovering from a damaged leg, the result of a recent pool-side fall in Brazil, and Eddie Polland had a shus operation. England's Nicholas Faldo and Peter Dawson report

Albatross in need of attention

Gymnastics

Russians win despite being one short

The Soviet Union won the first Coca-Cola international tournament, when they beat United States by 1.80 marks, with Hungary third, at Brighton. The Russiens were one girl gymnast short, after Valeri Zhidwnova withdrew because of a foot injury. The other two, Olga Kaval and Elema Gurina, never fell below 9.20 marks in any routine end, supported by consistent work from their men, the Soviet Union won despite the handicap. Britain had an outstanding success when they despite the handicap. Estiman had an outstanding success when they beat the Soviet Union by one tenth of a mark on the broad horse, after Karen Leighton, of Longhton, had scored 9.40 for her hand spring with full twist.

RESULTE: 1845: 5. Hungary, 30.0: 4. GB. 175.55: 5. Fulnd. 175.90.

Landa 2 sec too slow Rio de Janeiro, Dec 7.—The world champion Niki Landa, in a new Brabham BT45C, averaged 111 miles an hour over 64 laps yesterday in trials for the Brazilian Grand Prix on January 29. His best time was a lap of 1min 44sec, 2sec more than the time he feels he must make to win pole position in the race.—AP.

Ice hockey MATONAL LEAGUE: New York Islanders 4, Minnesons North Stars 2: Vencouver Camerica 5, Washington Capitals 2: Philiphurph Pensulus 3, Colorado Rockies 3: Chicago Black Hawks 2, Detroit Red Wrogs 1: Les Angeles Kings 6, St. Louis Blues 1. WORLD ASSOCIATION: Outsher Northques 4, Houston Amos 5: Indianapolis Racers 5, New England Whaters 5. Show jumping

BRUSSELS: Grand Prix: 1, E. Marken (Paland), Boomerany, O pts, 55.5ec; 2, D. Broome (Britain), Philico, O. 50.3: 3, 8, Van Paosachen (Bolpham), Park, 4, 56.5: 4, F. Walty (Bolpham), Park, 4, 38.3: 5, 5, Mancinelli (Baly), Ursus Del Lasco. 1, 45.5; 6, M. Roguet (Prancet, Belle is Mars, 8, 37.00.

CRYSTAL PALACE: Bremar Cup Second qualifying round: Mass G. Wolseworth best Miss L. Grever, 6-3. 5-0: Mass J. Fayter best Miss D. Morgam, 6-0. 6-3. Third qualifying quad: Miss E. Thompson best Miss S. Simmtons, 7-6, 6-3.

Watson is indeed the only pro-fessional I can think of to have holed in one and gone on to win a tournament, but shen this has been his year in every way with victories in the United States and British Opens, in each case after a thrilling confrontation with Jack Nicklaus; three other American victories besides, and leading money winner with well over to winning two big tournaments in the autumn, the PGA championship and the World Series of Golf with its biggest first prize of the year, \$100,000.

A ninth Continental champion-

Miss Bader puts a wolf among the chamois

From John Hennessy Val d'Isère, Dec 7 Val d'Isère, Dec 7

The first race of the new World Cup for skiing, e women's downhill, was won here today by Marie-Thèrèse Nadig, of Switzerland, with Angemarie Moser second. So far, so bad (with respect to both). But an 18-year-old German, Moniks Bader, put a wolf among the chamois by coming from nowhere to finish third.

Long before then the first three.

coming from nowhere to nimso third.

Long before then the first three, or so we thought, had been established and agency correspondents had sent details of the first 10 placings winging around the world. It was like a breath of fresh air, on a day which had already confounded expectations by beaming a benevolent sun from a heavenly blue sky The conditions for the race were, indeed, perfect.

All too often, an Alpine ski race, which is nothing more than a time trial in any, case, disintegrates after the leading skiers, with their privileged start numbers, have made their strike and left the back markers to go through the token motions of competing. Miss Bader, a charming Bavarian from Trauchgau with, mertifully, a fair command of English, put an end to all that.

Starting 35th, she surprised us

lish, put an end to all that.

Starting 35th, she surprised us all first with an intermediate time of 56.14sec, only 0.55sec behind Mrs Moser, and secondly with a final time of 1min 25.25sec, which was enough to ease another Swiss favourite, Doris de Agostini, out of third race.

coup today. Her eyes open wide, her shoulders hunched unbelievingly, she was as much in the dark as everyone else.

Perhaps. she generously suggested, the condition of the snow was a holp rather than a hindrance to late starters "provided you can hold the right line "because earlier racers had tended to pack it harder and give it a shine. Her trainer, no doubt, had the wax right. And, on such a straightforward course, her strength (which is not obvious in a masculine way) was a big advantage.

For recreation, she likes windsurfing and tennis, though windsurfing is something more than a pastime since she teaches this burgeoning sport. It involves standing on a surf board and allowing a hand-held sail, once laboriously hauled from the water by strength of arm, to propel the anowing a hauter that are, once by strength of arm, to propel the craft along. It requires exceptional balance, ton, which no doubt stands Miss Bader in good stead on the snow.

The measure of Miss Bader's advance is that her previous best placing in the World Cup had been 24th, which yielded no points. Her third place today, on the other hand, produced 15, 10 fewer than Miss Nadig. Points are awarded only to the first 10, in descending order. Miss Nadig's victory over Mrs Moser was balanced, with an advantage of six hundredths of a second both before and after the intermediate point.

It suggests that these two old thats will be at each other?

Mrs Moser, and secondly with a final time of 1 min 25.25sec, which was enough to ease another Swiss favourite, Doris de Agostini, out of third place.

But Miss Bader surprised not only the incredulous waiting multitude but also, as she later confessed, herself. The summit of her ambition had been "about lifteenth" but, she said, everything went well for her. She was able to maintain the racing crouch, keep to the right line and sostain her strength to the end.

Her fifth place in training the day before might, on the face of it, have foreshadowed a good result today. But she was aware that the leading racers tend to hold back in training, sometimes standing bolt upright. I asked her later if she could explain her

Science report

Medicine: Replacing the blood

Many of the life-threatedng diseases that affect young adults are auto-immune disorders: their symptoms are due to misdirected actions by the body's internal defence system. Included in this caucgory are some forms of heart and liver disease, arthritis, and muscle disordera. Normally the lymphocytes and other cells of the immune system are programmed to form antibodies against vital internal organs, such as the liver or the lining of the joints, causing chronic inflummation and scarring.

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8.48 (3.45) PICKWELL HURDON (Div II, part II: maldens: 3-y-o: £199: 2m;

Anthony Webber, who damaged a knee in a fall at Southwell earlier this week, resumes at Nottingham on Monday. David Sunderland stands in to take the

ride on Vido for Webber's father John in the Axmouth Handlcap Steeplechase at Taunton.

Haydn: Chronicle and Works Volume Four: The Years of "The Creation" Volume Five : The Late Years 1801-1809 By H. C. Robbins Landon (Thames & Hudson, £25 each)

"That he was not deep", wrote an English biographer of Haydn in 1902, "that he does not speak a message of the inner life to the latter-day individual . . . must, of course, be admirted."

Of course! How wise men were in 1902. How certain. Were they not blessed with the incomparable inheritance of the nineteenth century: Beethoven, Wagner and Brahms, Science, Progress and Peace? The formidable Ernest Newman, sardonic keeper of the new age, had already written of "the pacific and timorous Haydn", his "spirit of weak complaisance and unambitious compromise" and had concluded that " much of the out-ofne-world repose that pervades Haydn's music is the expression of a spirit almost emascu-lated by undue seclusion from the life of

Tenorous? Complaisance? Repose? Had Newman cloth ears? And where is "the fife of men" if it cannot be found in the infinite

Down the drain

The Road to Posschendaele The Flanders Offensive of 1917; A Study in Inevitability

Europe's best blood flooded the Flanders drain in 1917, and every 20 years or so there

emerges from the constant stream of books about he Great War a fresh assessment

so perceptive, so profound as to reshape our thinking vio-

leatly. Such a book was Leon Wolff's In Flanders Fields in

1939, and such a book is this present study by John Ter-

however, poses the proposition that (in the context of the

war's outcome, and the alterna-tives) there might have been no cause for blame at all, and

that the decision to keep up

the Flanders offensive was the

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does not say that this is necessarily so—indeed he keeps his own opinious resolu-

keeps his own opinions resolu-tely under wraps—and in fact he provides just as much ammunition for champions of the opposing view. He simply implies that it could be so, presents the evidence for an egainst, and leaves conclusions

to the reader.

That evidence is contained

in a well-blended, well-binked and well-autorated flow of extracts from books, diaries, letters and reports written by the main protagonists, some of

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By Douglas Scott (Secker & Warburg, £4.50) Imperial 109 By Richard Doyle

The central character in The Victodeon by Glendon Swarthout

is lodeon by Glendon Swarthout
is James, a city boy living with
his grandparents on a Michigan
farm. The central object however is the family melodeon
tharmonium I suppose we
should call it) which they pre-

sent to the church as a Christ-mis gift. There is also a new-

horn lamb, and a ghost, but not

really very much else.

It is left to the melodeon to provide not only the title but also the tenuous theme. While it is an instrument of music.

it may also be a vessel of discovery, counterpointing past

present and future rhapso-dies the blurb.

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The Melodeou

The Spoils of War

Dynasty By Robert Elegant (Collins, £5.50)

By John Terraine (Leo Cooper, £11.50)

human business of a grand estate, in the hero-worship of great cities, in the continual company of farriers and seamstresses, trom-peters and Kings? Hayda came from the land: a starthingly realistic wax bust of 1799, in which the seems about to speak to us but then think better of it, shows him rough, reticent but sharply alive. That a man could be both bucolic and intellectual would simply not have accurred to our Late Romancia great-grandfathers, though it did not escape their great idol. Richard Wagner, who played the Symphonies as piano duets with Cosima—"endless joy over this masterly Art.", she recorded in her diary, a very unusual view for 1873.

How much of Haydn's finest music could Newman and his conferences have actu-

Newman and his concemporaries have actually heard? Not much, according to H. C. Robbins Landon. Not only was Haydn a supreme victim of the Darwinian view of musical history, whereby music had become consistently and mysteriously "better" as every age refined the achievement of his predecessor (a theory destroyed for good by Wagner's successors), but also fashion and the international circumstances of Haydn's career made it impossible ever to hear all his work in any one place.
In mineteenth and early twentieth-century

England the Symphonies were performed, but not the dazzing Church music; in Austria and South Germany the reverse was the case; the prodigious chamber works were savoured by domestic, not public, instrumentalists; and the operas were, until very recently indeed, forgotten. It is only in the past 40 years, and particularly the past 10, that broadcasting and the gramophone have made Faven's music available all over the world. A joyful rehabilitation is taking place. and at the head of its critical literature stands this magnificent and inexhaustible biography. Three of the five volumes have appeared: those covering Haydn's early life and years at Eszterhaza (1732-1790) are still to come. Like Haydn in England (1976), the true trades of the context of t the two under review are first distinguished by the ease with which the author com-municates his highly professional scholarship

ro the musical amateur.

Professor Landon avoids mineteenthcentury games. He is excited by music, not
compulsory evolution. He loves Haydn, but
to love Haydn finds no need to revite Mozart or Beethoven, on the second of whose life and work indeed he is also an authority. The three composers shared a complex and dramatically productive relationship: that of Mozart and Haydn during Mozart's life is

well known and outside the scope of these well known and outside the scope of these two volumes, but it is certainly strange that the death and positionnous reciseovery of Mozart, together with the emplosive rise of Beethoven, should coincide with the unimagined flowering of Hayda's old age: The Creation, The Seasons, the six Masses for the name-day of Princess Essaerhazy, the last of the plane tries and quartets, the Trumpet Concerto and the Emperor's Hymn. All these maximpleces—no other word will do—were written in six years, 1796-1802.

It is strange, no, that Beethoven, who

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It is strange, too, that Beethoven, who displayed a wealth of competitive paranola mwards Haydn, only really took off when he learnt that the physically echanisted Haydn would compose no more. On all this Landon is informative and moving.

Unlike many musicologists be is a voracious digger and reader, and for the Chronicle" chapters of his narrative makes rich and entertaining use of unfamiliar, often unpublished literary sources. "Haydn admitted to me", wrote one of his first biographers.

that he could not describe the teelings with which he was filled when the performance went just the way be wished, and the audience issumed to every note in total sizence. "Some-times my whole body was ics-cold, sometimes

Mr Sinclair is at great pains

to clear Poe of the tharge of having been an habitual drun-

heart". He also described it as

Pitz-lames O'Brien (1809-

1849) has been called "a Celtic Poe". He was born in Ireland but made his name in America. Such appellation does him disservice. Mr Rayes, who

Michael Ratcliffe

a burning heat overcome me, and more than once I was afraid that I would suddenly have a stroke." So much for the pacific and zimorous Haydn.

Ears and tuste do change, however, and Professor Landon in several places suggests that Hayda's music may have sounded different " even to sympathetic nineteenth century listeners than it does to us now. The century listeners than ir does to us now. The optimistic and vivacious Mendelssohn family in the 1830s, for example, could not see why the second movement of the Op 76 no 5 quartet should be labelled "sad", yet to us, and to Haydn's contemporaries no doubt, it sounds inexpressibly so. The Victorians found the music of the masses frivolous and embarrassing. To us it sounds not only witty, but fervent consoling and humane.

A nitty Mass? Haydn's relations with the

A pitty Mass? Haydn's relations with the Almighty—the source of all his talent—were direct in the extreme. All the gifts of his maturity—harmonic, colour, original scoring, dramatic justinct and sensuous, limpid melody—he returned in full grantude to his Creator, with an art that had become light, brilliant and indestructibly strong. That it speaks a message of inner life need no longer be doubted merely because it is addressed to an Austrian Rococo God.

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PIFTY MASTERS OF PRINTMAKING 1759-1930

Heart of them hitherto unpublished, and some of them drawn from the darkness

author's own collection.

There is no moralizing in this book. Mr Terraine is not here concerned with the rights and wrongs of the Great War, or with assessing whether any consideration at all could justify the loss of these numerical fames o'Brien

ing except as an abstraction affecting the military/political

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unclouded and unemotional study gives the clearest impres-

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The Fantastic Tales of Fitz-James O'Brien Edited by Michael Hayes (John Calder, £4.95)

tify the loss of three quarters of a million men in the Flanders of 1917. He is not concerned with human suffer-No lack of appreciation of David Sinclair's most interest-ing volume is indicated if one says its main reward has been the persuasion to spend some time with Poe's collected works again after many years. Phiatile as the record of Poe's life is, compelling as is the 1959, and such a book is this present study by John Terraine.

Almost everyone involved with the higher direction of the war on the Western Front in 1917 blamed almost everybody else for Passchendaele and its overture. Mr Terraine, however, poses the proposition unclouded and unemotional character study, mysterious as would have mattered to us had the man not been a genius. One, moreover, who belatedly but rightly was given his volume in the English Men of Letters series 40 years ago.

sion so far of the objectives in Flanders in 1917, the strategy involved, and its course in practice. Motiny, hardship, heroism, casualties and the All too often Poe's tales and All too often Poe's tales and poems are discovered in adolescence and neglected, except for occasional flashes of memory, thereafter. To read Poe in youth and egain in old age is a revealing experience. In The Pit and the Pendulum, for instance, boylood imagination is selved by the horsible means of execution. maintenance or destruction of human morale are just so many contributory factors, like the weather (to which consi-derable exention is paid), and perhaps the more keenly appreciated by the reader in this form because he is able to horrible means of execution. develop the picture for himself in his mind and imagination, In age the opening four pages of the tale before any of these is realized are worth all the rest. The description of the using the comparehensive range of rich ingredients set forth in this remarkable summing-up. Laurence Cotterell An article by John Terraine on the significance of the year 1917 fronts this week's Saturday

rest. The description of the relieved body and mind after torture by the Inquisition grips one in a vice that holds through the ensuing melodrama. In The Black Cat, which some still believe was the tale that hooked Baudelaire on Poe, it is the madues that fails to do so by a substantial margin. There are one or two nice little touches, the descripthat matters, rather than the counterblast the life of Poe has gory consequences. These were been a battle-ground on which at the counter of Poe's spell, truth and disinterestedness have which Mr Sinclair describes as been the major casuafties. Mr "like a needle hitting a nerve." Sinclair is fair to John Allan, Only a normented mind could who "fathered" Poe, while not nice nice touches, the descrip-tion of one wonten as a stove for instance—"she was short and stout and reddened up quickly and radiated a hospitable warmth". But for the

The only known full-length

portrait of Poe, reproduced in The Edgar Allan Poe Scrapbook, edited by Peter Haining (New English Library, £6.50).

have conceived that disgusting tale The Facts in the Case of M. Valdemar.

Mr. Sinclair's declared

M. Valdemar.

Mr Sinclair's declared ground is "Poe's particular hell—how he came to it, how he tried to escape from it, how it swellowed him up, and how he managed to triumph over it through his work." He has sought the heart of the matter. It is a heart of durkness. No one will ever light it completely. This is a careful, paintelling, impartial ettempt. From ing, impartial attempt. From Griswold's lying pioneer bio-graphy to Ingram's indictionant counterblast the life of Poe has

him disservice. Mr Hayes, who has brought together seven of his tales, and added a brief memoir, claims three of them as Fitz-James's right to be remembered. Of these The Diamond Lens is the best known. It has a hamning charm. What Was It? was a forerunder of Wells's The Invisible Man. Wells worked it our far more realistically. For me far more realistically. For me the finest story O'Brien wrote was Seeing the World. There has never been a more imaginatively description of what the horrors of omniscience would be. poem, not untypical in its sent. She three mp heart. Down, down.

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ness, its consormated mosts, and its insistance upon the merits of even pain-flecked conscious-ness. The title of the poem is "Poisoned in Search of the Medicine of Immortality". If Medicine of Immortality". If one of the jobs of poetry is to say hard things clearly, in words that come out of each other with such authority that alternative words seem impos-sible, then Sheils Wingfield can-be sure of her place among the

His command of technique seems is no way adequate to the urgency of what he had to say. Why, then, is the book worth mentioning? Because it finally cludes all reasonable reckoning, being the unmistakable real thing. Anyone bored as they should be by the timid lucubrations and evasions of so

concealing Atlan's faults. He brings out the goodness of Frances Allan. He increases our admiration for the stalwart Mrs Clemm. He presents Poe through actions, letters, and fair evidence from those who tried to cope with this way-

Scott of the Antarctic By Elspeth Huxley (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £6.95)

(Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 16.95)

"It is a great advantage, if not be some time — and stumbled necessity," writes Eispeth out of the tent." It is a nerraa necessity," writes Eispeth Hursley in the preface to her life of Robert Falcon Scott, "that he should die in the having been an inautual drun-kard. Something, he says, was wrong with Poe's metabolism. He makes a case for diabetes. But Poe's social instability throughout life, his tying, his self-pity, his peny dishonesty, his arrogant-humble-hopelessly-mixed-up relations with John Allan his marriage at 27 to attempt to reach his goal." She is right, of course. Heroes are is repair to the conventional action, unwearied by years, and better still, rainted with glorious failure. Yet these necessary appalling severity of antarctic conditions while still implying the humour of three men in 3 mixed-up relations with John Allan, his marriage at 27 to the 13-year-old Vargina Clemm, his searches for some mature woman to whom he could cling as a refuge, these cannot be explained by the fact that Poe's parents were stage folk who, though they departed early, left him with some social stigma in the South Poe declared that "perverseness is one of the primitive impulses of the human heart". He also described it as hero do not always make for the humour of three men in a sustained interest and while single sleeping bag taking it in Scott undeniably belongs in turns to read chapters from the pantheon of heroes his Darwin. If the drams is underworth as a suitable subject for played that is perhaps a conbiography seems to me to be less assured. That last famous entry in the diary, "It seems a plry, but I do not think that I an unconquerable force. It de-troyed his life, but provided us with the fruits of his genius.

less assured. That last famous as well as recognition that preentry in the diary, "It seems a vious accounts have been too pliy, but I do not think that I florid. Even so the laconic can write more. R. Scott. For effectiveness of the telegram God's sake look after our Scott received in Melbourne en peopla" is at least the tragic route for the pole is impossible to diminish. "Beg leave inform you proceeding Antarctic. Amundsen". Miss Huxley has researched she really does not make Scott as complex and interesting a character as she would like us to say the least, a character as she would like us to say the least, a character as she would have preferred a concentration on Shackleton or Wilson, but it was Scott's expedition, Scott's extraordinary hit 200 good to be true. Permoving last testament.

It has also been done before (fer too good a story not to have been); and though it familiarity are stilling its familiarity are affectedly guixatic on occasion. One final note of disbelief. The Discovery sailed with 28 have reaching its familiarity are affected to the processing and follows the processing the

(far too good a story not to have been); and though it bears re-telling its familiarity makes special demands on the port. Fair enough. But if they narrator. The scope, for ingrator. The scope, for ingrator. The scope, for ingrator. The scope, for ingrator and 500 ons of roast torsection.

stance, in which ("Titus" pheasant and 500 of roast tur-Oates walks out, gangrened key why were they so con-feet and all, to face certain reduced to living off penguin, death in the blimard is so and seal?

The Heald

Tim Heald

Reviews next week include Michael Ratcliffe on Travellers

William Haley to Trieste by Nicolas Powell.

Poetry

which is no real substitute. In the final chapter when the old man dies his widow even plays. "Abide with me" on the melodeon... Yes, I would have preferred that Mr Swarthout stayed with westerns.

Success this week is not very consolicious awards a Barbara. Selected Poems 1938-1977 By Sheila Wingfield Dolmen Press/John Calder,

conspicuous anywhere. Perhaps the nearest to it is Douglas Scott's book, a wartime adven-Admissions ture which revolves around Seargant Quilley, a murdering blackmailing unterly appalling American GI. On the Rocks By Sebastian Barker Mr Scott, a former Merchant Navy officer, writes with auth-ority about life on the armed

merchanman Fort Harrison, and his narrative which is original if undemanding, is fast and competting. But his dialogue is stereotyped and dull, and so By Clive Wilmer (Carcanet Press, 52) is stereotyped and dult, and so in consequence are most of his characters.

Similar faults afflict Imperial 109, which is a puty, because despite a horrifying blurb (* They flew in vanished alreadour.

splendour to adventure.
rumance and intrigue, and to
their ultimate destinies, etc." it starts well enough.

The locale is unusual too.

Imperial 109 is the story of a flight by an Empire-class flyllight by an empreciast fly-ing boar from Durban to New York in 1939, via the Nile Deita, Cairo, Greece, Italy and London. More specifically it is the story of the mixed orew and extraordinary collection of passengers—who include a crooked arm, dealer, an Italian nobleman—whose wife falls in love with a desert shellch and

love with a desert sheikh and a pair of Jewish refugees who a pair of Jewish refugees who are heing chased by the Gestapo. Together they make their "epic journey" through desert storms, mountain crossings, despite murder, blackmail, theft, intrigue—you name it, they have it. One man even gets eaten by a crocodile. Auyone who missed the flight might count himself lucky. might count himself lucky.

An even more enc epic is Robert Elegant's book about a Eurasian family in Hong Kong, "divided by ambinion, adultery, power, death and a country form spart by ideology, revolution. intrigue bloodshed".

It is certainly the most ambitions book of the bunch and there are parts of it which are very good indeed-where Mr Elegant, a distinguished journalist, displays his knowledge of the Far East and his feeling for it. Some of his scene point-ing is vivid. But sometimes released from the contraints of newspaper space and practice he tries to be rather too virid. and the constant flow of adjecrives and adverbs becomes irritriing. Again 100, the characterization is weak and the central figures lifeless.

and much promise.

By Sheila Wingfield (Dolmen Press/John Calder, 55) (Martin Brian and O'Keeffe, 52) A Store of Candles By Frank Ormsby (Oxford, £1.95) The Dwelling-Piace

Sheila Wingfield, now in her Shella Winglield, now in her seventies, is perhaps about to be discovered again. I say "again" because her earliest work was praised by Yeats and Walter de la Mure, and then in the Forties she impressed Herbert Read and in the Fifties G. S. Fraser. Fraser is still impressed, and has provided a recovery of the sevential of the present and has provided a recovery of the sevential and the sevential pressed, and has provided a pre-face to Wingfield's Her Storms: Selected Poems 1938-1977 which contains a comprehensive selec-tion of the work of a lifetime.

should be sufficient to bring her to general critical attention. The heartening thing is that she has done well enough without it. Here is a poet who has not spent all her spare time in a BBC studio, who is hardly represented in any of the anthologies, who has probably never given a public reading never given a public reading nor won a literary prizein thort, a poet who has not played the dangerous game with Fame which so many twentieth century poets assume to be necessary to their careers. Indeed, Sheila Wingfield seems to the processory to their careers. me best recommended by the observation that she has never had a career, in that sense. She has simply pursued a lifelong vocation of writing poems. For rhis reason, and for others which no doubt strike deeper, her work has an uncommon but essential quality of necessity:

When Housing Tourng, great Giddy and ill, carried in a litter. Saw the stars swap. His conquests and his orguments

Pulsed their lives away.
But to his shade. To be at rest
is but a dog thus sighs and
settles: better

And powers, falling into fever with him.

unrelenting day.

English poors. Sebastian Barker can be sure Sebastian Barker can be sure of no such thing. His On the Rocks is by all reasonable reckoning a perrible book, an outpouring of sonners—well, 14-line howes—on the subject of his wife's infidelity. Barker shours and weeps and strikes murderous poses over the corpse of his own affections. His command of sechnique seems is no way adequate to

much contemporary verse will find in this book the note at least of an authentic passion:

rest. If Earker can build on the feeling for Iniguage which spurs him to such things as "the squeek and scratch of meeting", without losing any of the fury, the emotional and intellectual reality that has un-balanced this particular set of balanced this particular set of poems, then there may well be a considerable new poet on the scane. His courage and his con-

fidence are already commend-Frank Ormsby's A Store of Frank Ormsby's A Store of Candles and Clive Wilmer's The Dwelling-Place are both first books. Neither is exactly exciting, but Wilmer in particular seems deliberately to eachew excitement—and achieves some sober, well-crafted, sensible poetry as a result. Ormsby has a richer sensibility, and a more various appreciation of scenes, but his verse is rougher-grained, even anecdotal, as though he were somehow determined to prove that the poet can be the fellow next door.

now in the squeak

And scratch of meeting him she
holds the lover's inquest:
"Is this one dead, or t'other
one? Which death do I like
the best?"

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presents, I recommend an edition of Wallace Stevens' Having quoted this, I see that it is both less clear and rather better written than most of the rest. If Barker can build on Press 5.50); and The Penglin Press 5.50); and The Penglin Press 5.50); and The Penglin Press 5.50. Blue Guitzr, which has etchings by David Hockney (Petersburg Press, £5.50); and The Penguin Book of Zen Poetry edited and translated by Lucien Stryk and ranslated by Lucien Stryk and Takashi Ikemoto (Allen Lane, £3.95); and two anthologies—the PEN New Poems 1977-78, edited by Gavin Ewart (Hutchinson, £4.95), and the Arts Council of Great Britain's New Council of Great Britain's New Poetry 3, edited by Alan Browniohn and Maureen Duffy (Arts Council, 14 and 12.25, distributed by Carcaner Press). New Poetry 3 is particularly to be encouraged because it provides evidence of how duractively unfashiomable yet interesting an authology can be, when its editors are prepared simply to select the better poems that come their way, without solicing established poets to provide council advertised and received about advertised and received about 10,000 poems in response, from which the present selection of 200 poems has been made.

Robert Nye

Fourteenth century fixer

We are all specialists now; the biographer must stick to his man and the "times", apart from an occasional paragraph of background, must be left to the social historian. John Gardner is quite right

John Gardner is quite right though to rerive this old-fashioned form of words in his title, if for no other reason than that to write a "pure" biography of Geoffrey Chaucer, and run in to Alf closely packed pages, would indeed be difficult. The solid facts we know about Chaucer wouldn't stretch the length of a clothestine; so the Gardner method line: so the Gardner methodto give us a full and lascinating picture of England in the second half of the 14th century, and have Geoffrey Chaucer popping in and out of the trene possible—is an entirely sensible one to follow.

Chaucer's ways of thought and life are so remote from our own that it's hard indeed to ger a fix on him. Yet if we under-stand the holistic basis of terization is weak and the central figures lifeless.

Still, this is an inversaing life weak is grounded, if we attend closely to the fact that he must have been a great reader—of Boethius, Occam, Macrobius and Dante especially Henry Stanhope ("... his education was deeper

The Life and Times of Chaucer By John Gardner (Cape, £7.50) and less frivolous than our own as Gardner wisely puts it)—if we probe impor the richer and less frivolous than our own as Gardner wisely puts it)—if we probe impor the richer and own as Gardner wisely puts (Cape, £7.50)

The "Life and Times" book his characters, The Wife of has rather gone out of fashion.

Barh—Allas! Allas! that ever love was sume !—then we shall find a real and remarkable man rising before us in his likeness as he lived. And we shall also have a clear notion—in this book almost too insistently driven home—of the world-picture which an intelligent adult of 1385 carried round in his head.

Chaucer was a fixer, a Kissinger without the suiting and the attendant, distance-annihilat-ing Jumbo. He was, to use the popular word, flexible. No man who could worm a pension out of, successively, Edward III, Richard II and Bolingbroke could have been other than very agile indeed. Chaucer never belonged to the foolishly intense, neck-or-nothing kind. He was a collaborator because that shrewd, kindly, rastly experienced mind of his always found it difficult to draw a hold inswavering line between the rogues and the righteous.

He believed in friendship. He knew that friends could be enew that triends could be capable of appalling acts—how grievously wounding, for example, that John of Gaunt should choose to make a cuckoid of him—but he still went on believing in friendshop. He was also, like the Abbe

Sièyes, a survivor. If you were born in 1340 this was a nearmiraculous quality to possess.
Threading his way through
plugue-germs, powerful magnates manoeuvring for power, the risks of war and capture and the wiles of women, Chaucer— leff, as Gardner startlingly rulls him—keeps the stage. He is always the valued emissary, the man who is last through the swing-doors but first in the fover. He crosses the sea in uninsurable boats, he battles up the Alps on political errands to I alv, he climbs the Pyrenees to try a fall with Pedro the Cruel: the big people rely on him to play a poor hand well

and a good one superbly. Gardner makes him move against a background based on sound scholarship and vivid in its detail. He doesn't set out to provide a detailed account and essessment of the Chaucerian neuvre stage by stage. But he with great authority and read ability, and creates a character we can believe in: an immortal rose who mistrusted extreme positions, so that the Peasants' Revolt of 1381, the single most dangerous political moment in Chaucer's lifetime, can be brushed aside in something under thirty brilliantly effective lines of the Nun's Priest's Tale.

Polymath as poet

Doctor of Revolution The Life and Genius of Erasmus Darwin' By Desmond King-Hele (Faber, £12.50)

Erasmus Darwin may have been the last man to try to com-prehend the whole range of human knowledge—be was certainly the only one to distil it into an encyclopaedic poem of 1,224 rhyming couplets, published with immediate popular success in 1791. In his lifetime Darwin was, indeed, seen as a major poet; he was a friend of both Coleridge and Wordsworth and influenced their early work. He was also widely acknow-ledged to be the best doctor in the country, though he was modest (or astute) enough to refuse King George III's request that he should become the royal physician. His scientific innovations ranged from steering mechanisms for carriages to a horizontal winduall and a rocket motor. Yet nowadays he is remembered principally as the grandfather of Charles barvin and the founder of a scientific dynasty. Why have his achievements faded from public knowledge and esteem? Desmond King-Hele's biography provides a partial graphy provides a partial explanation for its subject's relative obscurity in modern with a highly readable yet eyes. Erasums Darwin spent his detailed and scholarly account.

his professional earnings for his Evelihood. He believed that his reputation as a physician might be damaged if he became known as an eccentric inventor, so he rarely made any attempt to patent or publicize his ideas. He could not, however, sup-press the flow of his imagina-tion and he was one of the central figures in the Lumr Society, an informal conversa-tion club of scientists, engi-neers, and philosophers that met regularly in Birmineham between 1765 and 1791 (their meetings were arranged to coincide with the full moon, when travel at night was easier).

age of 29—the first of five generations of his family to be elected FRS. Darwin's funte did not impress the other colossal figure associated with Lichfield the eighteenth century-Di Samuel Johnson. They met in 1767 and took a murual and strong dislike to each other; there was no room for two such powerful personalities within the same circle. Johnson's

He became a Fellow at the

the same circle Johnson's reputation has been maintained largely by the genius of his biographer; Darwin had no such fortune, but Mr King-Hele, himself a distinguished scientist, has redressed the balance with a highly readable yet

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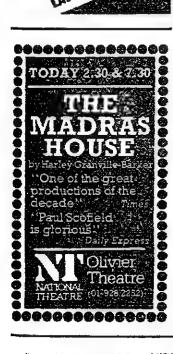
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through visual imagery that aggrandizes the subject in a way that would be kudicrous if ex-

hancing the music without

By such means we get high-speed treatment of the key incidents. Presley the boy gospel singer turns up at a

a tired initation of Mario Lazza, while up above we see the Bearles ominously creeping up the charts.

Of the three leads, Mr Stevens has a driving rock style and a great flair of kneesplits and baseball-pirching climaxes. What he lacks is the insolence and danger of the original. Mr Proby has all of that, plue sheer authority and a command of Presley's falsetto swoops and vibrate. But for sheer evocation of why the fiftles went wild over Presley, my vote goes to the guilelessly electrifying Mr Whitnail. The backing, and particularly Des

dunlication.

pressed in words. Presley's birth, for instance, is accom-panied by film of the silver Irving Wardle jubilee and the rise of Hitler; Jack Good's musical no more and his drafting into the army tells the story of Elvis Pres- and the haircut episode come ley's career than Triumph of won the war All this is in the Will recounts the history of keeping with the spirit of the the Nazi Party, but it sells its production. Its visual projec-subject with comparable flair, tions on a downstage scrim and subject with comparable flair, a group of upstage gauzes are all on the giant scale; someand amounts to a staggeringly effective show to have been put times carrying soft lyrical decoration, sometimes exploding into fireworks, or an accelerated train ride as mixed-media sup-port for the songs; always entogether in the few months since Presley's death.

Who cares whether Presley vas ever an usher at Loew's Theatre Movie House in Memphis? It is enough to see the raw 16-year-old strolling on with an old acoustic guitar and raising the roof with "That's All Right", Presley's first record, reproduced with uncanny accuracy by Timothy Whitnall, the youngest of the production's three Elvises.

gospel singer turns up at a revivalist meeting in time to hear a sermon on the riches of heaven, delivered against back-projected Cadillacs. His 1969 return to live performance in Las Vegas gets a tremendous visual buildup; likewisa the final rave-up where the three leads introduce themselves under their own names, and flood the house with ballboors. The others are James Proby, immediately revealed as the superstar performing the same song to full electric backing. flood the house with balloous.

Musically the show clearly establishes Presley's roots in Western and black styles; and the continued presence of the sentimental ballad singer inside the bard of "Hound Dog" and "Jailhouse Rock." It also exploits this dramatically by showing the aging star being manicured by members of the Memphis matia and turning on a tired imitation of Mario Lanza while up above we see and Shakin' Stevens, who haudles most of the rock numbers and the first years of success. Between them, this trio supply the show with all the chronology it needs, and all the

A glosting melodrama could readily be concocred from Presley's relationship with his manager, and his long retire-ment into film studios and bahind the gates of Graceland, but Mr Good's theme is Presley's escape, not his defect, and the only shadow that falls over the stage is cast by the saturnine Mr Proby, standing on a side stage as an experienced wimess of his innocent younger e ves.

The show is compiled entirely from Presiey's songs. Who needs a book with a life that has been as obsessively catalogued as this? Where information is supplied it comes

In perhaps one of the most

poignant drames ever to have had viewers choking back their

Gamely they struggled to per-

tuade us that the starship

Almost all that remains of Pro-kofiev's original intention in his

Symphony No 7, that it should appeal to children, is a certain naivety in its thematic material and its use of unusual timbres, especially in the percussion de-

partment.
Tuesday's performance under

Tuesday's performance under André Previn rightly did not underplay the work's essential simplicity, even if this resulted in a bint of gaucherle attaching to the first movement's big tune; that was particularly true of his reappearance near the end of the symphony which one cannot in honesty describe as having the stamp of inevitability. The closing bars themselves may have taken some by surprise as, unbeknown to the programme-note writer, Mr Previn hed elected for the Vivale variant ending. Following perhaps the hint of his compatriot Tchaikovsky,

his compatriot Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev's dance movement is

neither a minuet nor a scherzo.

Tom Robinson's Band

Four months ago Tom Robin-

son was a name known only to cognoscenti. Gradually news of

his performances round Lon-don's clubs and pubs began to

spread, and soon fans were be-

spread, and soon rans were be-ing turned away from his gigs by the hundred. This concert, his first in a big London venue, was by way of a thank you and

They could not possibly have

been disappointed. Robinson established an extraordinary

rapport at once and held the

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apology to the faithful.

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electrifying Mr Whitnell. The backing, and particularly Des Henly's lead guitar, is superb. Altares (the name, I think, means Lego in Martian) was fuelled by Photons and thus able to travel at the speed of light to the furthermost galaxies light to the furthermost galaxies of Pinewood beck lot. "You will traval", they were told, "as family units, so as not to arrive back on Earth to find your children older than you are". Amazingly the prediction turned out to be correct. Despite the fact that the Altures was clearly powered by four U2 batteries, by the end of the 50 minutes the actors were no older, and I, who had been left behind, had aged perhaps tan years. hysteria, Into Infinity on Tues-day presented the harrowing story of how a small but deter-mined group of British actors drased in lurex waste disposal bags climbed into a cardboard

spaceship costing nearly 12 and older, attempted to generate interest behind in a series about intergalactic years. To buff this ramshackle item with an authentic sheen, there were constant Einstein refer-

ment does not supply weightiness, if that is what is expected,

although Mr Previn's lyricism

atthough Mr Previn's (pracism here proved a sufficient counterbalance. The Seventh may not be as exacting a test piece of orchestras as some of its predecessors, but the London Symphony Orchestra sounded far more assured back

under Mr Previn's baton than when I hast heard them.

Indeed the performance of Mozart's "Linz" symphony

which opened the programm

but Miss Soderstrom was generally more successful in evoking

stomping crowd through an ex-bilarating set.

He has a tough, no-nonsense personality that clearly domi-

nated the evening. His voice is scarcely attractive but it has

an authority and character that puts it in a class with few

Unlike many new-wave acts the songs have considerable variety of pace and texture. The four-piece band is greater

than the sum of its parts Danny Kustow's guitar breaks

So, too, do many new-wave

His presence on stage before

mainly heterosexual audience

is evidence of his belief that

the only way the gay community can meet its critics is by not apologizing for itself and by

never leaving prejudice unchal-lenged. His songs angrily tell

of police harassment, of mili-tant moralists, of the spread of reactionary forces. They faith-

fully mirror Robinson's own

bleak view of a society whose intolerance with any minority who suffer from it, is totally

In a truly liberal and civilized

world, many of his songs would be unnecessary. In ours, and when performed with Robin-

son's brilliance and verve, they

evil.

are essential.

gay and proud of it.

others.



ences, and one was grateful only that the old wizard had passed to a better place where he no longer had need of them; with references like that, it is un-likely he would have picked up

work ironing lab coats. Elsewhere, money being tight, authenticity was left to go hang: during a stem-turn at 200,000 miles a second, the main damage sustained involved boots falking off a shelf, and when a Photon motor blew in the most complex speceship ever conceived, it was repaired in 15 minutes by a man with a Meccano spanner.

the imploding ruins of the script. "Some say", mouthed a trapped thespian, "that if you pass through a rotating black hole you end up in a new dimen-sion". Possibly; others say that you end up down the garbage chure. I rang the BBC after the final debits rolled and asked if this was the first of a series, since nothing happened in it. Were things going to happen in wonderful future episodes?

"It was supposed to be a saries", I was told, "but we don't have any more instal-

Where was he, I asked, when Whether the Shepherd's the scriptwriter needed him? Bush atmosphere can support At every turn, the boits fell out intelligent life would seem still Whather the Shapherd's and the cliches tumbled into to be an open question.

Jubilee concerto

but a waits—and a jaunty one at that. Mr Previn's Allegretto had the necessary lilt, and he gave it its head when the mood turned more boisterous in its coda. Prokofiev's third move-**BBC NSO/Groves** Manchester/Radio 3

William Mann

The BBC's music department as celebrated the Queen's silver jubilee by commissioning a number of new works from Bri-tish composers. Among the most substantial is Edward Cowie's piano concerto which was given tis first performance on Tuesday in Manchester, Sir Charles Groves conducting the corpora-tion's Symphony Orchestra (nostalgic occasion for those who remember his conductorship there some decades ago), with Heward Shelley as its

which opened the programme had everything one could ask for: rbythmic vitality, sensitive moulding of phrases and a clear sense of direction.

Elisabeth Soderstrom was the soloist in four of the songs from Des Knaben Wunderhorn. With Mr Previn on the rostrum as accompanist Das irdische Leben conveyed something of Mahler's harrowing experience, but Miss Soderstrom was generspændid soloist. Cowie has been emerging in recent years, ever more clearly in focus, as a neo-romande with an ear as fine as the painter's eye which he exploits in another of his creative enterprises. His piano concerto has classical intentions, influenced by work at Mozart's piano concertos, and is formally designed in three movements, the slow one being a set of variations as in Mozart's K. 491.

That concerto comes to mind particularly because Cowie's stresses C minor, not only in the theme of the varia-

Composers' Seminar concert

Max Harrison

Purcell Room

were particularly uninteresting, but as a group they have precision, energy and produce a searing, needle sharp, raunchy The string quartet, with and without the addition of a singing voice, as the basis of Tuessound that was almost literally day's concert by the Society for the Promotion of New Music. This underlined the outfits, of course, but what dis-tinguishes Tom Robinson's songs are the lyrics—not of songs like his first hit, "Two traditional character of several of the works, a point further emphasized in Michael Maxwell's Metamorphosis by short quotations from the classical quarter's repertoire. This was an attractive piece however, Four Six Eight Motorway", or his fraternal greeting to "Martin", but of songs that pose questions to everyone in the audience, for Robinson is

The title of Janet Graham's

Two songs by Peter Carr also had the advantage of fine texts in verses by Joyce and Shelley, but this was slighter, less well Mozartian in effect. The piano is closely integrated, through the harp and celesta, with the main orchestra, yet sounds eminently bravura in quality, standing out with florid runs and Arabesques, thirds and Arpeggios, repeated notes, electric trills shared with the orchestra, and grandings meloorchestra, and grandiose melo-dies. Cowie's Mozart has been filtered through Tippett's Beethoven so as to finish as neo-Brahms, the composer most

evoked in the musical texture. Cowie does integrate his three movements closely and recognizably. Reprises, even in another mood, can be appreciated as such. The plane writing seems to me often more unseems to me often more ungainly and awkward than the intention werrants: Mr Shelley found an elegance for it at the expense of little execution (having tried the plano part myself, I must admire his solutions). As a statement about the piano concerto in 1977 I found it attractive but weak, back-ward-facing, its new features unable to conquer the element of historical retrospection which remains too far in the fore-ground. Since it is big and pretty, it will be much enjoyed by others as well as

fluent, warmly sonorous, and it had persuasive advocacy from the Medici Quartet.

The Dream refers to an Anglo-Saxon religious poem. The Dream of the Rood, and in view of this text's fervent imagery it is apt that the writing for. string quartet should be sharper, more demonstrative in gesture, than Mr Maxwell's. But the vocal line, though expertly paced by Jane Manning, was less successful, seeming too insistent in accent

focused music. The word-serting resulted in unduly predictable melodic shapes and one's im-pression was of a composer making heavy weather of his

The remaining piece for strings, George Nicholson's Quartet was much better written for the medium, and was clearly patterned in five sections, carefully contrasted. There was more excellent play-ing here from the Medici ensemble, yet this work seems to be more of an exercise, well carried through, in textures, in styles of writing, instead of in structure.

At the furthest remove from traditional media such as the string quartet, lies electronic music, which entered with Jacob Druckman's Animus I. This is a dialogue between rrombone (played by Roger Williams) and electronic sounds prerecorded on rape. The latter drive the player from the stage at one point, but despite such theatrical moments this is a dull piece, presenting us with the rare case of the oldest work in the concert (1966) being the

least enjoyable. More encouraging was Andrew Peggie's Pioharreachd for solo clarinet (played by Edward Pillinger). This was agimted and incantatory, and had an attrac-tive wildness, like the highland pipe music which prompted it.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions

Africa warped by white man

Motocar Cottesloe

Ned Chaillet Having seen a Paines Plough production does not necessarily mean you can ever see it again, for the writer. David Pownall and the actors and directors are willing and even eager to reshape their work in response to audience reaction. Thus, Richard III, Part Two, which I saw in Edinburgh earlier this year, is said to be considerably altered from the play I described, and Motocar, which has been around longer and still disconcertingly makes much of Henry Kissinger, has the name of Steve Biko scrawled across the set.

The premise of the action, imminent black rule in Rhodesia, is more timely and frames the story so that political and historical statements can flash throughout, tangled in the more mystical web of the writing. Mr Pownall suggests an excursion into the brain, a brain which, seen from the left, resembles Africa. Black rule then becomes less important than the fact that the action

A political prisoner, Motocar, in a masterful performance by Joe Marcell, is rushed into bospital for a psychiatric examination in the last few days of white rule. With the soldiers in the halls, the prisoner takes charge of the hospital, of his police inspector and of the remaining white doc-tor and his two white nurses. With a mixture of books, pills and ancient ceremony he places his white prisoners in a trance and re-creates the past hundred years of European and African relations. Bundling the whites into laundry baskets. he momentarily makes them sleves in a ship.

Mr Pownali finely a nightmare vision of an Africa warped by white values, represented in one man. Against the passion of Mr Marcell be sets the analytical Marcell he sets the analytical liberol tolerance of the psychiatrist, played, a trifle ton soft-spokenly, by Stephen Boxer. There, more than in Eric Richard's police inspector and more than in the distainful joking of the Irish nurse played by Fiona Victory, is the challenge which Africa must challenge which Africa must overcome once the whites have relinquished power. Mr Pownall's labyriothine way through history depends, as thestre Adams's production, the magic often succeeds.

A Pinprick of History Almost Free tions. The music is not at all

Ned Chaillet

Margaretta D'Arcy intends to agitate with her contribution to the Almost Free's season of Silver Jubilee plays, and spatters the stage with names of deported Americans Agee and deported Americans Agee and Hosenball, with television pictures of the Grunwick picket line, with summaries of recent Irish politics, and a free-wheeling burrage of surreal stage tricks. After searching the audience for members of the Special Branch in a display of droll paranoia, Miss D'Arcy herself ferreted out the presence of reviewers from the Guardian and The Times and invited us to step outside for invited us to step outside for a cigaretta, while she explained the intricacies of Irish political alliances to those in the audi-ence who knew less about Ireland.

The Times, at least, does not smoke, and neither the Guar-dian nor The Times felt in-clined to claim greater knowledge than the rest of the audience. The pity of it, for The Times at any rate, is that after Miss D'Arcy used eight members of the audience to demonstrate Irish factions, nor much became clear. Quotations from The Times columnist, Bernard Levin and from news reports on the Irish elections were used to remind people of Conor Cruise O'Brien's high reputation in England. With-out knowledge of his exit from Irish power, the play's rebuttal seemed little more than namecalling. Throughout, Miss D'Arcy's extravaganza assumes knowledge about recent events in Britain and Ireland which, if held by the audience, would make the play redundant. In a confusion of styles,

beginning with a futuristic congress celebrating the advent of world socialism in 1977, she hurls shafts of anarchae critic-ism at Jim Callaghan, Britain's imperialist role in Ireland and Bermuda, the Official Secrets Act, and the role of the Arts Council in suppressing effective dissent. She, and the 11 or so performers in her company. including John Arden, move from their futuristic celebration to a German expressionis-tic survey of 1977, and then to an Irish-lyrical discussion of Irish politics which culminates in an explanation of the role of the Galway Theatre Workshop in upsetting the Irish

government. It is not the Arts Council which is defeating Miss D'Arcy's message, but the amiably incoherent styles she has chosen. Although the company hold a discussion afterwards, where facts might be extracted directly from the authorand actors, the enter-tainment itself is too intentionally amateurish and chuttered convey any information.

Persistent trade deficits among many countries exerting deflationary pressure

House of Commons Mr James Callaghan, Prime Minis-ter (Cardiff, South-East, Lab), in a statement on the meeting of the European Council in Brussels on December 5 and 6, said: The Council began with an exchange of riews on the current economic problems of Europe, including those caused by the low rates of growth in the economies of the member countries, and the high unemployment that exists throughout the Community. out the Community. I directed attention to the prob-lems of international trade and payments, and pressed for a coor-dinated Community response to them. The persistent deficits of many countries, which are the counterpart of the massive surplus-es of some OPEC countries and Japan, are exerting deflationary pressure on the economies of the world and making it harder to pull the Community out of recession and reduce unemployment.

and reduce unemployment.

This situation is increasing protectionist pressure in the United States as well as in the Community The Community to take a position. There was wide support for this assessment, and that future stability in oil prices would also be helpful. The Council

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that has been set as a target will be fulfilled.

CAP's share of EEC budget

punget from the present 70 per cent of the overall Community budget up to 90 per cent; Dr David Owen, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said.

It was the strong intention of the Government to resist any increase which could shift the agricultural cont of workers in agriculture, budget from the present 70 per exists predominantly for northern

Mr Neil Marien (Banbury, C), referring to the proposed enlargement of the Community, said—The percentage of agricultural workers in the countries which one hopes will join is 36 per cent in Greece, 28 per cent in Portugal and 23 per cent in Spain.

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equally recognized the need for energy-saving policies. The President of the Commission (Mr Roy Jankins) was savited to intensity his consultations with the Japanese Government on these matters.

The European Council took note of the current situation on direct therefore.

It was agreed in principle to establish a European Foundation to promote contacts within the Community. Foreign ministers will examine the proposals for a foundation, and report back to the European Council. European Council.

During the meeting the Council considered certain ideas for closer cooperation against terrorism, and discussed current international problems, particularly those of Africa and the Middle East. I took the opportunity to inform my col-leagues of the wide-ranging discus-sions which I had with Mr Begin (the Prime Minister of Israel) at

During these, Mr Begin assured me of his determination to seek a comprehensive settlement and to find a just solution to the problem of the Palestinians. I informed Mr Begin of the Government's support for continuing discussions on this basis between Egypt and Israel,

the Opposition (Bernet, Finchley, C)—Is it true there was a considerable-difference of view on how to tackle inflation and growth and that the countries which have been most successful in fackling inflation were look to vist the countries.

tion were lost to risk the gains they had had by putting them in jeopardy if they reflated?

On the point of the rather trite phrase, the European Commission took note of the current situation of the current situation. on direct elections, did they take note of the fact that in the week of note of the fact that in the week of this summit the Government provided no days for Europe and that only 132 out of 308 Labour MPs. voted for direct elections compared with 229 out of 280 Conservative MPs? That shows the difference in attitude towards Europe. (Labour cheers.) Is it his intention to provide time for genuise free choice of electoral systems before Christmas?

One of the interesting ideas that came forward which will certainly have a lot of support from Labour-MPs is that perhaps white we all want to see growth in the manufacturing sector and in the service sector; there is in public employment more that we might have to do to provide services and work. I have not heart this view expressed quite so clearly before.

On direct elections, I noticed Mrs Thatcher is constantly died with the responsibility for delay. (Conservative MPs: "You are.") I am not denying it, so I do not know why they have to push it so hard—(Labour laughter)—but what I want to make clear is that as the Opposition are so anxious to get a clear verdict on this I have consulted with the Leader of the House (Mr Foot), and while I do not want to anticipate anything he may have to say I have a feeling that Conservative MPs will have a attempting to ensure we are sad-

chance of proving their virility is before Christmas.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party (Ronburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L)—Could be confirm the view, and I had some sympathy with it, that at the present stage of direct discussions, now that for the the Foreign Secretary appeared at the meeting to have abandoned all prospects of meeting the deadline for direct elections?

Mr Callagham—II the House takes thought for each of the contestants have been brought face to face, it would be as well if Europe would adopt, to use a transatiantic term, a supportative role rather than coming be as well if Europe would adopt, to use a transactantic term, a supportative role rather than coming out with solutions of their own. Will decide on what date an election in the Bourie Stoddart (Swindon. Lab)—Did he see a report in The Financial Times on December 3 which indicated that the German finance minister expected British off resources to be thrown to the Community? Did he sell the Condicion of resources would remain under the control of the United Kingdom and all financial benefits would accrue to this country. If he did not, will he now?

Mr Callagina—No emphasis is added by constantly referenting a position that is well known.

Mr Dennis Walters (Westbury C)—Would he deny the reports that he has been encouraged by Mr. Begin to accept that the BEC.

there is nothing to offer and that all the Prime Minister has been able to come back with is another payment to the Common Market? It is apparent that only a large section of MPs on the Labour side can stand up for the majority of the British people who are against the Common Market and want ultimately to get out? Mr Callaghan—That is a repetition of a well known argument with Mr Callagham—Inat is a certain of a well known argument with which I totally disagree. One day when Mr Skinner occupies this dispatch box as I am—(Laughter)—and joins with his fellow heads of government in discussing these matters, I think he will find there is a great advantage in this Community in arricing at a common approach on many problems of world significance, and also—that he browner is his heart but will what he knows in his heart but will never acknowledge she growing interdependence of our economies

interdependence of our economies makes it much more satisfactory that we should handle it this way.

What I am against is the harmonization of affairs in the Community for its own sake. (Cheers.) They have got to prove it is worth while. When they do that I am there. Otherwise I am just as had as Mr Skinner is—but not quite. (Laughter.)

MPs seek to change law on work and union issues

The 20 backbench MPs successful in the ballot for the right to imro duce private members' Bills this session presented the following Bills which were formally read a first time and set down for secon-reading on the following Fridays JANUARY 20

Employment Protection Bill to modify the duties of the Advisor-Concidention and Arbitration Ser-vice with respect to references of recognition issues (Mr. Edward recognition issues (Mr Edward Fietcher, Darlington, Lab.)
Companies' (Qualification of Company Secretaries) Bill to make provision for the qualification of a person to act. as secretary to a company. (Mr John Cockcroft, Nantwich, C.)

Civil Liability (Contribution) Bin to make new provision for contri-bution between persons who are jointly or severally, or both jointly, and severally, liable for the same damage and in certain other simi. lar cases where two or more per-sons have paid or may be required to may compensation for the same sons have paid or may be required to pay compensation for the same damage; and to amend the law relating to proceedings against persons jointly liable for the same debt or jointly or severally, or both jointly and severally, hable for the same damage. (Mr Geof. frey Patric, Chertsey and Walton,

Control of Encampments Bill to make provision with respect to cer-tain encampments and gatherings. (Mr Nicholas Edwards, Pembroke,

(Amendment) Bill to amond the Local Government Act, 1974, with respect to investigations by Local Commissioners. (Mr Ivor Clemi-son, Luton, East, Lab. Duties of Company Directors But to make provision with respect to the duties of directors of com-

panies. (Mr Adam Butler, Bos-worth, C.) Internationally Protected Persons
Bill to implement the Convention
on the Prevention and Punishment
of Crimes against Internationally
Protected Persons, adopted by the
United Nations General Assembly
in 1973. (Mr William Whitlock,
Northelaham, North, Lab.)

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Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill to validate agreements by independent trade unions for retricting references of recognition issues to the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service; and to amend the law relating to unfair dismissal following lock outs or stelless or other industrial action in connection with recognition issues, fMr law Mikarde, Tower Hamlets, Bethnal Green and Bow, Lab.)
Consumer Safety Bill to make the

Consumer Safety Bill to make further provision for the safety of consumers. (Mr Neville Trotter, Tynemouth, C.)

FEBRUARY 3 Estate Agents Bill to make provision with respect, to the carrying on of, and to persons who carry on, certain activities in connexion with the disposal and acquistion of property used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for residential purposes. (bir Bryan Davies, Entitled, North, Leb.) Davies, Enfield, North, Leb.)
Sale of Salmon Bill to prohibit the sale of Salmon and sea trout adian-fully acquired and taken. (Mr Peter Morrison, City of Chester, C.)

Rating Bill to smend the law relating to relief from cares in respect of promises used by disabled persons and invalids. (Mr Robert Hughes, Aberdeen, North, Lab.)
Freedom of Information Bill to provide from public access to inforprovide for public access to information held by Departments of State, local authorities and other public bodies. (Mr Romaid Atlans, Preston, North, Lab.)

Preston. North, Lab.)
Nuclear Vaste Disposal BM to make provision for the development of the nuclear industry and the management and disposal of nuclear waste by the establishment of a Nuclear Waste Management Advisory Committee and a Nuclear Waste Disposal Corporation; to make provision with respect to the functions of each body; to authorize loans and suarrantees in connerize loans and guarantees in connex-ion therewith. (Mr Trevor Skeet, Bedford, C.)

February 10 Profession of Children Bill to pre-vent the exploitation of children by their use in the production of films or photographic material of an obscene or pornographic character. (Mr Cyril Townsend. Bexley, Bexleybeath, C).

Armed Forces (Repessession of Dwellings) Bill to facilitate the repossession of dwellings owned by members of Her Majesty's Forces. (Mr Winston Churchill, Streetord, February 17

Post Office Workers (industrial Action) Bill to limit the extent to which industrial action by workers in the Post Office fails within the proble of the criminal law. Life Norman Buchan, West Renfrewshire, Lab.)

Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill to enable electhere who are away on holiday of the time of a partiamentary elec-tion to vote by post or by proxy; to make provision in respect of the to make provision in respect of the registration for electrons purposes of certain persons resident abroad to make further provision for the registration for electronal purposes of wives and husbands of members of the armed forces; to provide furthe correction of the register of electrors. (Mr David Madel, South Bedfordshire, C.)

February 24 · · · · Small Businesses (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Bill to assist in the creation of jobs by small businesses and others by pro-viding for Industrial Tribonals, to hold preliminary hearings in hold preliminary hearings in respect of claims for unfair dis-missal and to exclude employment missal and to exclude employment of less than one year from certain provisions of the law relating to employment protection. (Mr David Mitchell, Basinestoke, C., on behalf of Mr John Osborn, Sheffled, Hallam, C.)
Public Lending Bighn Bill to recognize, establish and make provision for a public lending right for authors. (Mr Norman St. John Stewas, Chelmsford, C.)

Attack on Polish ships deal

Mr Nicholas Ridley (Cirencester and Tewkeshury, C) applied are accessfully for an energency determined on the disclosure, that this Polish ships deal would cost the taxpayers SSim and the need for an inner distension and the need for an inner distension are arrangements. He submitted that the matter

had become important because of the large amount of money which appeared to be involved and because of the dindyamagent mature of the contract which had It makes (he said) the recent scandal in relation to the Crown Agents seem like a vicarage 223

Dr Owen regrets remarks created ill-feeling with President Kaunda

Mr Callaghan—it has been a standing view of the German Government that they did not wish to be pushed into reflation if it is likely to endanger their monetary stability. At the same time, the German

systems before Christmas?

Regret that some remarks of his had caused ill-feeling between himself and President Kaunda was expressed by Dr David Owen, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, during question time exchanges on Rhodesia. He said that if President Kaunda was to read his recent statement in full he would see it was a belanced statement on the whole issue. He respected and admired President Kaunda. Such ill-feeling (he said) is not reciprocated on my part.

Dr Owen (Plymouth, Devonport. If the House decided to opt for the regional list system for European elections there was every reason for believing that the target date would be fulfilled, Mr Frank Judd, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said.

He had been asked by Mr Douglas Hurd, Opposition spokes-nan on Europe (Mid Oxon, C)—Is The Times accurate this morning in its account of what the Foreign Secretary said at the summit about the direct elections Bill? If it was accurate was that not a decolu-Dr Owen (Plymouth, Devonport, Lab)—The Rhodesian incursion into Mozambique and the security situation within Rhodesia emphaaccurate was that not a deeply partisan and misleading statestruction within Rhodesia emphasize the urgent need for a negotiated settlement. The United States Government and ourselves remain convinced that our joint proposals provide the basic framework of a settlement.

I shall be discussing the situation with the United States Secretary of State. Mr Vance, later this week. It would be better to correct that now by acknowledging that in recent weeks and again this week recent weeks and again this week the obstacle to, progress with the Bill has nothing whatever to do with the electoral system but the continuing rafinal of the Government to provide adequate days for Mr William Molloy (Esting, North, Lab) said in view of President Kaunda's statement yesterday, and bearing in mind his apprehension if elections took place before independence that this could promote severe strife, would Dr Owen nevertheless make urent efforts in Mr Judd. That is not the case. If this House decides to opt for the regional list system there is every reason for believing that the date

severe strire, would Dr Owen nevertheless make urgent efforts to contact President Kaunda, who had a great contribution to make, and assure him. his apprehensions would be fully considered at any future conference? Dr Owen said he understood Presi dent Kaunda's apprehensions. I am convinced the said that the only way to settle this dispute between the differing tationalist leaders is to have an election.

or turnien.

Mr John Biffen (Oswestry, C) later asked: When he meets the President of the Commission (Mr Roy Jenkins) will be inquire from him what role the Commission see for themselves in making available European funds for fighting the Strasbourg elections, and ensure that the House is fully apprised of the Commission's views on how that money is allocated? that money is allocated?

Mr Juide—The management of elections is an important and sensitive issue. We shall want to be satisfied, just as we would in the context of elections in this country, that this is being handled with all appropriate progriety, and that there are no arrangements being made about which any of us would be unhappy or suspicions.

To bave an election.

Mr Juide Amery (Brighton, Pavilion them, and with President Kaunda, to ensure that the initial transportation of the mot use his infilience with them, and w

agriculture?

Dr. Owen—It would if one was to follow for Mediterranean agricul-tural products the same policy that

Rhodesian regime, the African leaders in Rhodesia now, and per-baps thereafter considering whether any agreement they come to would or would not be accep-table to this House.

pr Owen.—There is a choice between continuation of the armed struggle, with all that would involve, or a negotiated settlement.

The principles laid down and the house for memory of the American broad framework of the Anglo-American initiative will be the principles upon which any nego-tiated settlement will have to be based. How that is achieved will be based. How that is achieved will be a matter for history to decide.
But the Auglo-American initiative proposals remain as stated and they cannot be written off as easily as he implies.

South Africa would bein us even more than they have over the past few months (he added later) if they were convinced a negotiated settlement would be riable, that there would be fair elections and law and order would be maintained. That is the issue still to be negotiated and upon which there are regrettably still considerable differences of opinion.

Mr John Davies, chief Opposition

differences of opinion.

Mr John Davies, chief Opposition spokesman on Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Knutsford, C)—Does Dr Owen not realize that the absolute adherence he pays to his own initiative could be comper productive? There may be every advantage at the moment in seeking to bring all those concerned inno negotiation within Rhodesis uself, and by all those concerned in mean, too, the representatives of the Pagriotic Front. Could be not use his influence with them, and with President Kaunda, to ensure that the initiative taken by Mr Smith, which I believe was genuine, should be the principal vehicle in moving rowards a negotiated astilement?

Dr Owen—I have mo amour propre

I do not believe you can possibly achieve this by narrowing it down to just the nationalist leaders in Rhodesia. I believe the Parriotic Front have to be involved and it has to be sought in a climate the world will understand.

Later Dr Owen said that later this mouth he hoped to see Mr Nkomo. Independence must involve a genuine transfer of power to a government representing the majority of the people following free and fair elections based on universal adult suffrage. universal adult suffrage.

Mr John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest, C)—Does his reply to Mr Davies mean he is beginning to repent his masochistic obsessions with the Patriotic Front? And if unable to help, will he retrain from hindering Mr Smith and other Rhodesian leaders seeking a solution from the bullot box rather than the burnel of the gan? In there anything wrong with self-determination for Rhodesia? In Owen—His expressions seem to

determination for Ricodesia?

Dr Owen—His expressions seem to typify the attitude of the Opposition on this issue. I am pursuing the path of peace and I will do so, wherever the criticism comes from. I will not stand in the way of any initiative from any quarter which contributes to a genuine peaceful sectlement.

Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen, North, Lab)—There can be no transfer so power or the settlement of the problems of Zimbabwe with-out the full hearted consent and out the full hearted consent and cooperation of the Patriotic Front. cooperation of the Patriotic Front.

Dr Owen—I have always held the view that the Patriotic Front are crucial elements in a negotiated settlement and it is hard to think of snything from which they are excluded being successful because the armed struggle would continue. If there is to be a negotiated settlement there must be compromises and no side can hold a total veto over the dther.

Opposition protests at lack of discussion of key clauses of Scotland Bill

form, meant that the Government of the day could use its majority to push shrough deleganed legislation which could not be emended and could enable the Scottish Assembly to legislate for the whole United Kingdom, Mr Maurice Macmilian (Farnham, C) said.

He was speaking in the resumed debate on committee stage of the Scotland Bill, on the sixth day, when he moved an amendment to Clause 35 (Power to make changes in law consequential on Scotlish Assembly Acts) to limit the power of the clause to motters perceining to Scotland.

He said that the power could

even be used to alter the present Bill, including the schedule gov-erning legislative compensace of the assembly.

The delegated legislation could be enacted by Order-in-Council which would be subject only to a straight vote for or against, it was asking for trouble.

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Mr Eiden Griffiths (Bury St. Edmunds, C) said if the clausy stood unamended it provided a licence to the Government of the day to commit a constitutional outrage on the English, It permitted a subordinate assembly in one red a subordinate assembly in one relatively small part of the United Kingdom to trigger off changes in the law to be made by delegated powers which were unamendable and which would affect the rest of the remulation. the population.

The English, though slow to

anger, sooner or later would grasp what was being done and come to understand that the Scottish over representation in the House was working to their disadvantage. Their anger would be sure, flerce and presentations. and never-ending. Mr John Smith, Minister of State, Privy Council Office (North Lanarksbire, Lab) said he followed Lanarkshire, Lab) said he followed the concern expressed about the discretion given to ministers, but an affirmative resolution was required by both Houses of Parliament—an important protection.

The power only arose in consequence of a provision made by or under a Scratich Assembly Act under a Scottish Assembly Act. There had to be such an Act which made some change in the law before an Order-in-Council power

before an Order-in-Council power could be introduced.

There had to be some confidence that United Kingdom ministers would not abuse the fairly broad powers given under this provision. Without such Order-in-Council provisions there would have to be primary legislation every time they wanted to make a minor change.

The amendment was negatived.

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Mr Timothy Raison (Aylesbury, C) the Treasury's ability to direct or moved an amendment to a Clause 39 (Industrial and economic guide-

the Treasury, prepare gunorales to "... shall, with the approval of the Treasury, issue directions". He said they should not give these economic powers to the assembly because it was inherent in the operation that economic powers should remain with the United Kingdom as a whole. Mr James Sillars (South Ayrshure, Lab) said it was possible to go on and on demonstrating the lack of

He said there was no reason why the Government should mot seek legislation by an Act of Parliament to change the law of the United Mr John Smith said it was not such an easy exercise to get an Order in Council through both Houses, if it made any major thange.

made any major thange.

Mr Jehn Stokes (Elziesowen and Stourbridge, C) said he noticed a few more MPs on the Government side than usual. At one time (he said) we even got up to double ligures but the remarkable thing about this Bill is how few MPs on the Government side or on any side, or anyone, except the occasional stray Scottish nationalist ever speaks in havour of any clause.

Mir Francis Pym, chief Opposition spokesman on devolution and House of Commons affairs (Cambridgeshire, C) said the prinister's intervention had not been helpful. He had given no undertaking about taking the clause back to look at it again. Mr John Smith said the clause was much more marten man the Opposition suggested.

The amendment was rejected by 201 votes or 158—Government majority, 43,

Clause 35 was carried by 191

Clause 35 was to 155 Government to majority, 36.
Clause 36. (Power to move rejection of certain assembly BSBs) was carried by 173 vo ets to 170 Government majority, three.
Clause 37 (Power to prevent or require action) was carried by 173 vores to 136 Government

require action) was carried by 173 votes to 136—Government majority, 37.

Clause 38 (Power to revoke subordinate instrument) was carried by 171 votes to 101—Government majority, 70.

Mr Pym said that as a result of the guillotine they were in a difficult position as so many important matters had been denied discussion. The last three votes on three clauses had been the only way in which the Opposition could make any kind of protest about their non-debate let alone consideration of any amendments.

wanted to make a minor change.

The amendment was negatived.

Mr Brittar, an Opposition spokesman on devolution (Cleveland and Whitby, C) moved an amendment which, he said, was designed to delete the provision in the clause Larris.

Industrial guidelines

the Treasury's ability to direct or guide the Scottish economy towards full employment.

If a left-wing radical socialist assembly were to demand changes in the guidelines a Conservative Government at Westmanster would say "no" and there would be a potentially explosive struction. He hoped the amendment and the clause would be defeated. lines) to change " The Secretary of State shall, with the approval of the Treasury, prepare guidelines " Mr Norman Buchan (West Ren-frewshire, Lab) said the best way of giving the Scots more democ-racy would be through massive public ownership allied to an extension of democratic power and control by the proobe.

alliance members as regards the proportion of national wealth devoted to defence. devoted to defence.

I fevery member of Nato contributed in accordance with its financial resources on the same scale, the problems of the alliance would be substantially reduced.

The Government were aware that at present Service pay did not reflect full comparability. They must await the recommendations of the review body. The implementation of the pay award on April 1 was bound to take full account of the Government's pay policy.

Lord Carrington's motion was carried by 163 votes to 71—majority against the Government, 92 Lord Shepherd's amendment was

Parliamentary notices

for negotiations on Middle East pr David Owen, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said that going to General state there has been the creation of Affairs, said that going to General state on the West was still their path to comprehensive negonations out the Middle East. There was also advantage a far more constructive approach by increasing and responsible role in those negonations. Mr Dennis Walters (Westhury, C) had asked the Secretary of State for the Government's attitude on progress towards a peaceful settlement of the Government's attitude on progress towards a peaceful settlement of the Government's attitude on progress towards a peaceful settlement of the Prime Minister of Israel could have any doubt of the constructive in visiting Jerusalem. We hope the meeting summoned by the Rugh Dykes (Harrow, East, C)—Mr Beerin clearly referred to

Going to Geneva should still be the path

midative in visiting Jerusalem. We hope the meeting summoned by Preshlent Sadat in Cairo will carry parties.

The Prime Minister and I discussed the full range of Middle East problems with Mr Begin during his recent visit.

her Hugh Dykes (Harrow, East, C)—Mr Begin clearly referred to the Palestinian cause and sug-gested there could be negotiations. along those lines. Is that not in contrast to the nervow attitude of the Arab states to President Sadat's initiative? ing his recent visit.

Dr Owen—I would prefer the Areb
Mr Ionathan Aiften (Thanes, East,
World to remain united and negothe only territorial response that from that position. There has

always been strength in that. On the other hand, those genuinely seeking peace cannot be held down by the inability of one section to agree. We must all work for the unity of the Arab world. Mr John Darles, chief Opposition mr John Davies, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonweakh affairs (Knusford, C)—Did Mr Begin not refer to his preparedness to negotiate with the true representatives of Palestinian Arab people and was not that a

Dr Owen—The fact that he referred to the Palestinian Araba in that context owes a lot to the discussions between the Prime Minister and Mr Begin and it was on that issue that a lot of the discussions was bound to be concentrated. The fact that it came out of the meeting on Sunday was out of the meeting on Sunday was

Government defeat: Tory demand restoration of £260m defence cuts

House of Lords
The Government should announce their intentions over armed forces their intentions over armed forces their intentions over armed forces their intentions over armed forces. Lord showed (Lab) also moved suspicions in the forces. Lord showed (Lab) also moved and announce their plants of the Opposition, said in opening a debate on the Government to honour the 3 per cant financial circumstances intention, said in opening a debate on the Government to honour the 3 per cant more. They should also improve the remuneration of the armed forces in April and as soon as possible thereafter restore full comparability.

He said he asked for this in the context of the increasing disparity in conventional defence expenditure by something like 5 per cent. They speat between 11 per cent and 13 per cent of their gross domestic product on defence; nearly three times the Nato average. In real terms the Soviet Union spent the source of the source of the structure of their gross domestic product on defence; nearly three times the Nato average. In real terms the Soviet Union spent The Government should amnounce their intentions over armed forces pay so as to allay doubter and suspicious in the forces. Lord Carrington, Leader of the Opposition, said in opening a debate on delinite.

nearly 9 per cent.

Yet the armed forces were expected to do nearly any job which other people refused to do. They were not paid as well as the firemen yet they were doing the firemen's job.

Lord Shepherd (Lab) moved an amendment to the motion calling upon the Government with their Nato allies to pursue negotiations for mutual and balanced force reductions, and to seek within the reductions, and to seek within the pecaling financial limitations to provide the most effective United kingdom military contribution to

Nato.

He mid the growth, size and quality of the conventional forces of the Warsaw Pact countries created a completely new situation. It was not right and proper that the European members of Nato should rely upon the United States nuclear capability. The British nuclear capability should not only be maintained, but be updated.

The armed forces, like all public

maintained, but be updated.

The armed forces, like all public services, should be adequately paid, with the Government being a good paymaster. In present circumstances, the Government should not break pay policy, but when the review of the armed forces was publicated. forces review pay body was published early next year, the services should receive the maximum permitted under the guidelines. should receive the maximum permitted under the guidelines.

The best contribution which and Mr Healey for the use of North Britain and ber allies could make See of revenues was any mention or the establishment of permission.

times the Nato average. In real remains the Soviet Union spent something like 30 per cent more on defence then the United States. British spent about 5 per cent of her gross domestic product on defence.

The gap in quality and capacity which was greatly in favour of Lord Carrington's motion, if it was pressed, would despect on the shinde taken town for many years after the war had diminished until it had largely disappeared.

In total the Labour Government's planned reduction projected until 1983 was \$8,400m at 1966 prices.

It would be said that all this had.

jected until 1983 was £8,400m at 1966 prices.

It would be said that all this had been because of the economic situation. He thought it had been due just as much to the priority which the Labour Government had given to the defence of the country.

In real terms since the Labour Government were elected the pay of a Heutenant-colouel had dropped by 18 per cant, a captain's by 10.5 per cent and a private solidier's by mearly 9 per cent.

Yet the armed forces were expected to do nearly any job which other people refused to do. They were not paid as well as the firemen yet they were doing the firemen yet they were doing the processing the proposed Labour Government's job.

Lord Shepherd (Lab) moved an accordance was paid £5,500 a year where since was paid £5,500 a year. This disparity had grown 200 wide to be sensible or logical.

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Lord Noel-Baker (Lab) in a maiden speech said he had never been a
unilateral disarmer. He had always
argued the case for world disarmament.

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In an arms race, what mattered
was not only what they did, but
what their potential enemy unlent
do. In such a race, the only
rational realistic policy was to end
it—by giving up on both sides the
armaments which bred the fear and
distrust in which the race began.
Lord Gordon-Walker (Lab) said
they must go on trying to get a
belanced force reduction agreement even if it was going to take a
great many more years. It was the
best hope for progress towards a
proper kind of detente and the best
way to reduce military expenditure.

iture.

Lord Duncan-Sandys (C) said that
whether it be at Helsinki, Belgrade
of anywhere else there was no hope of persuading the Sovier. Union to agree to general disarmament as long as the West was negotiating from a position of weakness.

was to demonstrate their prepared-ness for war and to show their rellinguess and ability to protect the freedom and independence of

their peoples.
Lord Wigg (Lab) said it was not possible to fulfil the commitment to Nato and avoid overstretch unless there was conscription. Once conscription was abendoned it was not possible to maintain Britain's armed forces within a bill which would enable them to be public properly and equipped properly. Lord Chalfout said Nato had allowed itself to be overtaken by changes in Soviet foreign and military policy and by the impact of technology, our modern, waiture. Nato had become debilitated by a tendency to regard such concepts as detectie, mutual force reductions and other desirable long-term aims as a substitute for an effective and adequate military defence.

It was time they recognized the

adequate military defence.

It was time they recognized the community of interest which existed between Nato and such countries as Japan, Amstralia, New Zealand, from. South Korea and South Africa. It might well be that the informal policies of some of these countries were repugnant, but none of them posed an immediate threat to the security, liberty and survival of the West. There was ample evidence that the Warsaw Pact countries did pose such a threat.

saw Pact countries did pose such a threat.

Lond Valuey said they were cutting the defence budget as part of the general policy of rearraining public expertiture. If p to a point he was a supporter of this policy as twice in recent years public expenditure had run one of control. There was now room for substantial expension fuelled by tax reductions and some substantial public expenditure increases since there were more than 1,500,000 people snemployed.

Viscount Amony (C) said the

Viscount Amory (C) said the Conservative Party should give a commitment to restore defence expenditure cuts which had been Lord Monckton of Brenchley (C) said the morale of the forces was the lowest he had ever known it is nearly 40 years in uniform. One of

the reasons was pay.

The idea that the forces were professionals was beginning to 30 out of the window. They used to be professionals because they had trained men and first class equipment. Now they had equipment in Cennary and not the men to keep it, in British they had some of the men and not the equipment.

Lord Challenger (C) said that in Lord Chelwood (C) said that in spice of the millions of words and hundreds of conferences over the past 25 years the preponderant strength of the Warsaw Pact forces

Lord Strathcone and Mount Royal, for the Opposition, said for Britain undersally to amounce cuts in defence spending in the middle of negotiations about methal disarmament would surely undermine the country's bargaining position. Britain's Nato asses were bound to be tempted to follow their example or at least use their beha-

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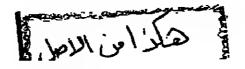
Quality factor in judging forces

ing about detence in a purely regional context. They were not in this alone; the Warsaw Pact posed a threat not only to the United Kingdom, but also to the united Kingdom, but also to the nations of Western Europe, and it was for this reason that Nar was founded. It was not necessary to match the Warsaw Pact man for man, but to demonstrate that in the event of aggression against any member country, the alliance as a whole had the political will and military capability to inflict enough retaliatory damage to make such a venture not worth while. It was worth remembering that eastern block countries used at least three generations of battle tanks, and that the complete alliance of Warsaw Pact countries would not necessarily support aggression against Nato. Bare

Lord Peart of Workington, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House, said there was no denying that the military strength of the Warsaw Pact countries was formidable, but they must resist thinking about defence in a purely national context. They were not in the reduction in the defence long-range Cruise missile system, on decience. Next year, even after the reduction in the defence long-range Cruise missile system, on develop a new strategic determination at the reduction in the defence long-range Cruise missile system, or develop a new strategic determination at the military salary concept. They had no plans to develop a the reduction in the defence long-range Cruise missile was an impressive budget by any standards and the United Kingtom ranked find among the Nato this reason that Nat was founded. defeated by 165 votes to 70— majority against, 96. Lord Shin-well's amendment was withdrawn. House adjourned, 9.2 pm.

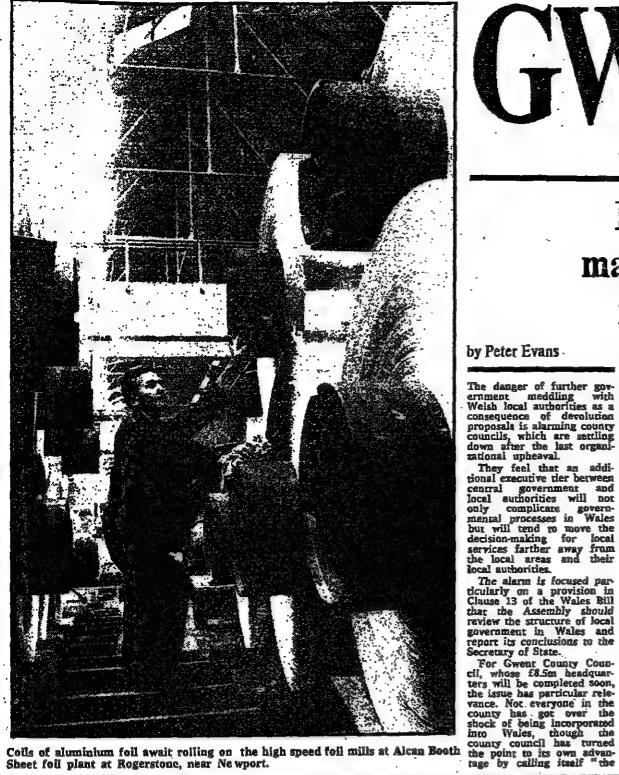
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a Special Report

Devolution may blunt drive for growth

by Peter Evans

Welsh local authorities as a consequence of devolution proposals is alarming county councils, which are settling down after the last organizational upheaval.

They feel that an addixecutive tier between di government and authorities will not complicate govern-processes in Wales mental processes in waters but will tend to move the decision-making for local services farther away from the local areas and their local authorities.

The alarm is focused par-ticularly on a provision in Clause 13 of the Wales Bill that the Assembly should review the structure of local government in Wales and report its conclusions to the Secretary of State.

For Gwent County Council, whose £8.5m headquarters will be completed soon,

first county in Wales" in its of the industry, obviously promotional publicity. The requires first aid. Unemploy-county's motto, Utrique fide ment in Gwent is already 9 county's motto, Utrique fide-ment in Gwent is already 9 lls, faithful to both England per cent, extending from and Wales, is being put to 11.6 per cent in the lower the test by the debate on devolution.

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By 1991, according to the county council's structure plan, some 29,000 new jobs of becoming part of Herefordshire was discussed. Mr Leo Abse, MP for Pontypool, has more recently expressed the fear that a Welsh sesembly would mean a Wales run by Welsh-speaking elitists, cornering plum jobs. The latest debate perpetuates the tension which has historically accompanied the political and economic changes which have swept like tides across the county, lying as it does across the savested area (includance).

lying as it does across the is an assisted area (includ-Severn from England. The ing special development, castles, whose attractions the development and intermedicouncil is now advertising to use areas), its prospects have improve its tourist trade as been damaged by the erosion a means of fighting off the dovernment's regional

policies. Industrial

certificates are no longer re-quired in special develop-ment and development areas.

but they are so easily avail-able throughout most parts of the United Kingdom, Gwent officials say, that the

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cluded the withdrawal of the

a means of fighting off the effects of recession, are evidence of past turbulence.

According so the official guide to Ragian Castle, Gwent derives its name from Venta Silurum, the tribal capital of the Silures in the first centuries of the Christian era. To the Welsh, I Venta hecame known as Caer-Venta became known as Caer-went, where gardeners find the soil easier to dig within the still-standing Roman walls, because of the continuous tillage, than outside.

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walls, because of the continuous tiliage, than outside. The Romans built the town to belp to civilize the natives.

Ancient Caerwent is still a good indicator and pivot of change. Present day governments have been quietly buying up land, when it became available, to display old Roman remains. But the growing strategic importance to the economy of the area between Newport and the Severn, is making the process more difficult. The land is not so easy to come Government has indicated that over 10 years there will be a total of about £1,000m to boost inner-city areas, other measures have lessened the appeal of the

Severnside ripe for

development

This is partly the result assistance, and accommon boost given tries, regardless of location, to the building of the under the Government's giving added emphasis to the tendency of the planners regional policy is made the to regard Severnside as a more confusing by the maion for coherent developments of central governments of central governments.

the tendency of the planners to regard Severaside as a regional policy is made the more confusing by the number of different department. In 1971, a government of different department report suggested major expansion of and near to the main urban areas of Newport, Bristol and Gloucester. Development on 14 major sites could accommodate well over three million people, double the present population, the report suggested.

The report described the coastal belt east of Newport as one of the best sites for major capital intensive industry in the entire study area. Reclaimed land might eventually be considered as a site for an international airport, the report said.

Variations on the theme have recurred in association with proposals for a Severn barrage and last year Professor Anthony Goss, in a report for Gwent County Council has reason as a site of Gwent County Council has reason in a personnel of the county council has reason on ask is whether the devolution proposals will dilute the council and the British Steel velopment on the 35 sq the sort of drive it is mounty council and the British Steel velopment on the 35 sq the sort of drive it is mounty council and the British Steel velopment on the 35 sq the sort of drive it is mounty council and the British Steel velopment Agency, the local of the clumg on, despite a nine-year clounce department of confidence in department of council on, and emerged again in the clumg on, despite a nine-year clounce department of council against measor of excessing the clumg on, despite a nine-year clounce department of councy department of council and the department of council on, and emerged again in the little 1930s as a fully integrated steelworks.

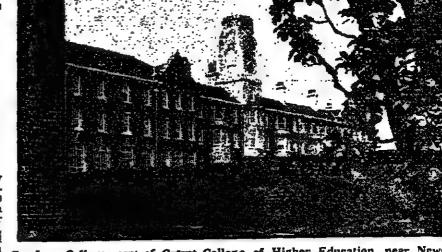
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with schemes having a bearing on Wales, short-term as part of the overall need
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steel town threatened by the The author is Home Affairs recession and modernization Correspondent, The Times.



Caerleon College, part of Gwent College of Higher Education, near Newport

Land reclamation raises hopes for industry

by Patrick Hannan

Gwent and what is planned to be its industrial future can be seen on one site in the north of the county. It is almost 200 acres of eyesore around the cown of Blains, a mountainous manument to all the activities that gave South Wales its industrial

South Wales its industrial greatness and which now provides one of its most substantial problems.

The site is covered with the leavings of coalmines and ironworks spread our along the valley floor and on the mountainside. But within the next two and a half years, the millions of tons of debis about d have disappeared.

number of firms which can be attracted into assisted should have disappeared.

It is all part of one of the most encouraging developments the area has seen during recent years—the clearence of derelict land, which

graphy means that there is ment of £107m has provided Gwent has been built on a shortage of sites on which the extra steelmaking coal and steel and the two industry can develop. So capacity the works needed, industries will remain the for more than £2.75m the At Llanwern there is now industries will remain the for bousing and factories, steel industry means that coal board and the steel coal b

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ment of regional greats, officials say, and the improduction of selective financial assistance for certain industries, regardless of location, under the Government's The fron industry dis-appeared from the Heads of the Valleys during the last century, driven to the coast by the need in import raw materials that had once been available locally. Ebbw Vale clung on, despite a nine-year closure during the depres-

velopment Agency, the local council and the British Steel Corporation. The result is that about one man in 10 is now out of work in the

end of the steel industry in Ebbw Vale, however. Four and fraif thousand jobs will remain at the finishing end considerations conflict with for improvement and invest-longer-term economic needs. ment. But there is no good Alrhough the economic reason why it should be at future of Britain as a whole the expense of places like demands development where Gwent. a new truplere complex, which has cost £60m, will be

well suck into the area road and rail between Gwent capital and people at the and other main centres in expense of the Welsh hinter-land, where the growth of the county badly wants the nationalism has made Labour chance to make full use of later more recovered them.

Steelmaking, meanwhile, will have finally left the valleys but many of the experiences on the coast; at least made Labour chance to make full use of later more recovered people in the many later. have not encouraged people to accept that the strategy has had its value proved

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early 1960s Llanwern's in mining are about how record has been an unhappy to exploit known reserves one, with poor industrial most efficiently. relations. It has in many To some extent this is

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Originally it was intended to produce more than three of this Gwent is now getting million tons of steel a year, its full share of development with that development with Ravenscraig in Scotland. The result was steel production that did not match the capacity of the rolling mills, which led to an apparent lack of success and endiess scope for argument over matters like production bonuses.

Weles. To make the most of this Gwent is now getting ment.

The county faces the same troubles as the rest of South Wales. Difficult geology being worked from mines which are too small to make the best use of modern techniques and to provide the levels of productivity that coalmining desperately menters like production bonuses.

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Added to that problem was large mines out of small that of a yest site on which most of the people had no experience of steehmaking traditions, circumstances that provided another breeding ground for strife.

Now some of that experience has been gained the hard way, and an investment of £107m has provided Gwent has been built on the extra steehmaking coal and steel and the two

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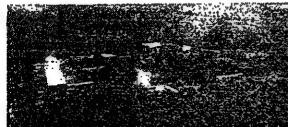
causing anguish and turmoi to many people; it is vital that in the next few years the calculations and the strateries turn out to have been

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Grundy Auto Products Limited, Tredegar We now have ample space to carry out our expansion plans and have acquired an excellent labour force in the area. All local government departments have been very helpful during the settling-in period. In addition, the financial assistance from a special development area has been a valuable contribution to our



Midfand Oil Company Limited (Oil Recycling), Ebbw Vale Our Company has located a factory in the libbw Vale area because of its central location, and our belief in the future growth of South Wales as an industrial area.

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Dunlop Semicx, Brynmawr Dunlop Semtex has been located at Brynmawr for 25 years, when the Company took over the Enfield Rubber factory In 1975 the Company re-located its Head Office at Brymmawr. "We find the co-operation from local and central government departments to be excellent. With the development of a broader industrial base to the area the availability of skilled labour is bound to show the continued improvements we had

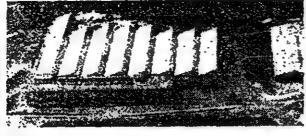


Brypmawr
"Control Data originally came to Brynmawr in order that the European market for computer magnetic media could be filled from inside Europe instead of from the U.S.A. We have found in Blachau Gwent the right sort of labour, good communications and first-class co-operation from all local and National Government departments."



Alfred Teves Limited (Braking Systems), Ebbw Vale "The reasons for coming to Wales were mainly favourable conditions in connection with purchase or lease of available factories; labour availability and the ample support from local authorities, including the Development Corporation for Wales and the Welsh Industrial Estates Corporation, as well as the help Iron the Government.

Our experience to date indicates that this move was a step in the

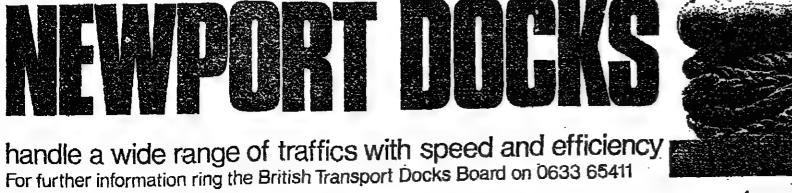


Crompton Electricars, Tredegar
"We have always been pleased with our decision to move to this particular area. Road communications are exceptionally good and rail communications are convenient through Cardiff and Newport A most important reason to move to Blaenou Gwent was the fact that the Borough has special development area status which carries substantial financial incentives to Companies moving into the area."

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denied the charge, saying Correspondent, The Times

Playing about with business

Recreation is big business in Gwent, Local authorities pre-paring for a predicted upleisure pursuits announced in 1973 that about £14m was to be allocated for 19 sports and leisure centres either planned or under construc-tion. Much more has since been pumped into the scheme.

The plan aimed to provide under construc-

one leisure centre for every 40.000 of the population. Fifteen of the centres, meeting social needs for every-one from toddler to pensioner, were on school sites. Latest figures show that about three million people a year are attending the leisure centres jointly provided in Gwent by the county council and district councils.

A million adults use these rentres, individually or in groups, another 500,000 attend youth clubs and adult groups. non-vocational classes based the centres, and then here are season ticket holders, spectators and those The figures do not include piece £3m sports stadium and complex at Cwmbran, the £600,000 complex at Ponty-

Gwent's Treasurer, Mr V. C. Vellacott, is cautiously optimistic abour running costs. He reports: "After two years' experience, inmost centres seem to have been stabilized." The main cause for concern, he says, repairs and maintenance, the level of which will prob-

ably rise.

Gwent's planning took into account that paid holi-days were longer, that more cars were being used, and that there was a new outlook in schools, where games training and physical education now encourage many small-group informal activities such as golf, sailing, horseriding, erchery, badminton, swimming or squash. More opportunities now exist for young people to enjoy drama, munusic and the arts and munusices expert arts and voungsters expect to find the same wide range of interests available to

these figures prove that the walks has proved popular in typool complex. It was people of Gwent want them Gwent opened in May, 1974, and and are prepared to use The first leisure centre in has proved such a successful

built include a sports hall ted mans; it is 18ft wide at the top and it widens to 42ft at the bottom arrange for arrhering the bottom arrange. a 96ft range for archery, rifle or pistol shooting, two squash courts, a gymnasium, a weight-lifting training room and a sauna.

Cwmbran's stadium boasts the first allowather Tarren

increased expenditure on the first all-weather Tartan epairs and maintenance, running track in Wales and top international arhieres a youngster to become a pro-have been attracted there, ficient skier for less than the The complex includes a full-size multi-sports hall, two squash courts, a swimming to Newport opened Wales's

winner—is administered by acres of parkland originally the Torfaen Borough County part of a 1,000-acre estate cil. Sports Council judges and the country seaf of Lord yoted Pontypool Britain's Tredegar and the Morgan best managed and most family.

Cost-effective leisure center. Rugby plays a key role in terms of rubble usees. complex at Combran, the f600,000 complex at Pontypool Park or district council facilities at Blaenavon and Abertillery. But, according to Councillor John Pembridge, chairman of Gwent's leisure services sub-committee, they illustrate that the investment made in pioneering joint-use leisure centres is beginning to pay dividendend. "Short-sighted critics is beginning to pay dividendends. "Short-sighted critics follow a hobby—or a place to meet the country side pony-trekwere not worth the money they can be a programme of guided to the same wide range best managed and most family. Cost-effective leisure centre in terms of public usage. Gwent. The country has six costs £150,000 a year to run Newport, last season's Welsh —an expenditure of less merit champions and cup than a 1p rate—and last winners.

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them", he said.

"If they had not been provided, much of the capital and running costs would have been spent on schoolonly facilities which would have been of no benefit to the general public."

Gwent's Treasurer, Mr. V. C. Vellacott, is cautiously optimistic about the said.

The first leisure centre in the proved such a successful mursery that instructors and the country opened at Nanty-tractors and coaches from famous Swiss coaches from famous for later from famous for later famous for learners added, and it consists of 784 honey-comb patterned nylon turbule.

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pool, a gymnasium, and a second municipal golf course sama and solarium as well at Caerleon in April, 1976—as a 3,000-sear grandstand an 18-hole course designed and pitches. Every month for beginners and young more than 15,000 people use players who cannot afford to the stadium igin a club. The Newport
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Cwmbran, the Pontypool country park in the borough
Park complex—an award at Tredegar, House, with 90

Variety in industrial pattern

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The result is that today Gwent has a much wider industrial base than hitherto with firms producing a varied range of products from chemicals to telecome more recently, steelmaking.

The main concern of many firms. and have an annual turnover established operations at Cambran, attracted by the Cambran attracted by the Cambran Development Estate, the General Paper and Box Comment Corporation, and sharely produces and one or two of the newer pany, which produces smoking accessories, various ploy only a few people, to fresheners and tissues, is just getting under they make a significant county where the townships in a new 50,000 sq fresheners and tissues, is just getting under they make a significant county where the townships in a new 50,000 sq fresheners and tissues, is just getting under they make a significant county where the townships in a new 50,000 sq fresheners and the world county where the townships in a new 50,000 sq fresheners and the world county where the townships in a new 50,000 sq fresheners and the world county where the townships in a new 50,000 sq fresheners and the world county where the townships in a new 50,000 sq fresheners and the world county where the townships in a new 50,000 sq fresheners and the world county where the townships in a new 50,000 sq fresheners and the world county where the townships in a new 50,000 sq fresheners and the world county where the townships in a new 50,000 sq fresheners and the world county where the townships in a new 50,000 sq fresheners and the world county where the townships in a new 50,000 sq fresheners and the world county where the townships in a new 50,000 sq fresheners and the world county in a new 50,000 sq fresheners and the world county

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> Although much more is still required the successes are certainly worthy of note. Among the most recent developments on the buge, new Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate the factory of Natural Gas Tubes provides a total capacity of 100,000 tons a year of various types of pipe and tube. Equally significant is the BSC's own £3.5m Color-

attracting new industry to

the area.

90 per cent of the output will be for export.
Gwent's Eastern Valley,

is the BSC's own £3.5m Colorcoat factory which forms
part of the corporation's
Associated Products Group
within the Welsh Division.

Here the production of organic coated steel for use
as the outer covering of domestic appliances such as the new plant.

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complex already employs in other, with a promised 400 day, the region of 150 people and new jobs, at Ebbw Vale. Many small firms have lopment scheme

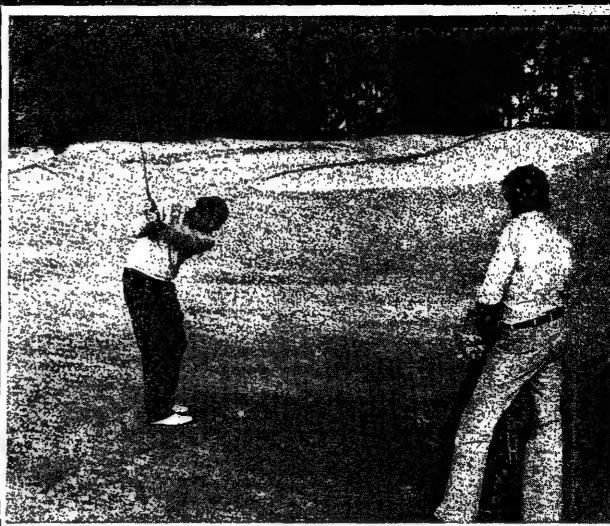
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Pontypool in the middle and
Cwmbran in the south, has
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Similarly, the opening of large-scale production of Pilkington's multi-million aluminium foil; a planned pound glass fibre factory at \$1.75m investment by Pontypool has countered the Bowater Coutainers to make closing of the same com. its Newtorr plant are af the

refrigerators will be extended nent manufacturer, which unssioning of Britain's larginto the manufacture of has long been Cumbran's est blast furnace at the Lianinsulated building products biggest industrial employer, wern steelworks be over-and kitchen units. These is now also in full product looked. Costing £27m and activities are housed in two tion in its new factory near capable of producing more adjoining factories and the Pontypool and plans yet anthun 5,000 tonnes of iron a day, the furnace marked the final phase in a £107m deve



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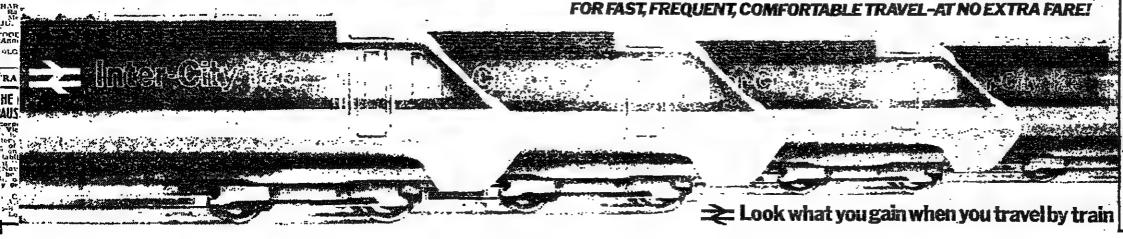
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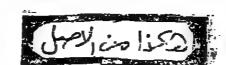


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The account books show that a special payment of £5 was made to a bricklayer named made to a bricklayer named John Evans for "working in a high window of the Banqueting House against the flame". You can still see the window from which he saved the Banqueting House at the gallery level in the south end as you walk up Whitehall, Without the efforts of John Evans, the glorious Banqueting House, one of nur finest and earliest examples of Renaissance architecture, would have gone up in examples of Renaissance archi-tecture, would have gone up in smoke with the Great Hall Theatre, the Holbein Gateway, and all those other ancient, fair, and historic buildings. All that would be left of Whitehall for us today would be the name of the street, and the familiar pickname we give to our nickname we give to our machinery of government as in "the man in Whitehall knows

In 1714 John Evans petitioned for some additioned reward, claiming that his part in saving the Banqueting House was worth more than beer money. If we allow for prices in the early eighteenth century, Evans the Deep Throat must have had Welshman's capacity for beer. His persistence and the national glory preserved in the Banqueting House finally per-suaded Sir Christopher Westo recommend him for a larger

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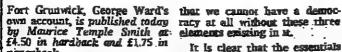
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ated in the present volume with the building of Somerset House by Sir William Chambers as the



Grunwick by foe Rogaly, pub-lished by Pengun at 80p.

When I was at the Bar I was is the only right of every true invoked by those who want to the issues during "Mistakes on both " lack of communicastrike there seems to have been precions little tipping the balance towards the pickets.

Such phrases as "natural right" and "natural justice" contribute very greatly to the fog. "Rights" are a legal conception. I find it difficult to believe that any human being is born with natural rights as he is with a natural body. His rights depend upon the country in which he first sees the light of day. There is certainly no justice in nature. And few natural rights in

What we can say and should say at the top of our voices is that if we want to run a free and democratic country we must do so by argument rather and democratic country we must do so by argument rather than force, we must have respect for the law and to everybody must be guaranteed an area of freedom in which they are entitled to make up their own minds.

There could be endless argunert about how all this is to be achieved end how far, for instance, the area of freedom should extend. There may indeed be arguments as to whether we want a democracy or not. But what is certain is

It is clear that the essentials of a free and democratic society were flouted by those who attempted to coerce Grunwick, into accepting their views. The pickets resorted to force. The Post Office workers who blacked Grunwick's mail acted illegally. Apparently it was considered even by Lord Justice Scarman that it was not enough for Mr George Ward to obey the law. Further, it was apparently demed that the majority of workers at Grunwick could decide many important aspects of their own life for themselves.

of their own live for themselves.

I found Mr Rogaly's account of the strike confirms a great, deal of what Mr Ward has said. Mr Rogaly, of course, discusses, some of the wider issues. involved while Mr Ward says.: "I am not a philosopher or a political scientist, I am just a small business man." His action is, of course written from his own business man." His action is, of course, written from his own point of view but it certainly should be read and as direct evidence may be the more important of the two books. However, they make a very useful pair to read together. Apart from these issues, three

one wants to reenact the com-bination Acts against the trade unions but it is apparent that the trade unions now consider that they are entitled to combine against an employer and take steps to disrupt his busiwhich would not be tolerated by any other organization in the country. The more so as very often they combine not against their technical employer but against the public and the public interest.

racy at all without these three the employers who are now in elements existing in at. . . . a position to threaten working people who do not knuckle under. This is not to say that people should not have a per-Ward maintains that he has no objection to his workers joining a union. It must also be said that it appears that initially wages in Grunwick were low, though nothing like as low as they have sometimes been reported and probably not lower than in many other firms.

The unions certainly have a part to play where labour may be exploited. But today with the amount of industrial legislation which is at the disposal

of education which we are said in have achieved, exploitation is much less of a danger than it was. However, it may remain, particularly in regard to certain It is not, however, very clear

that trade unionists are always the best disposed people in the land towards immigrants and Indians, at any rate, are highly intelligent and enterprising elements in our society who, once they have mastered the language, may be well able to look after themselves and make up their own minds what conditions they will accept. Finally, if workers are wrongly sacked they have ample legal

redress without their friends state. Mr Rogaly, I understand. The next point is the sad behaviour of the so-called

behaviour of the so-called social democrats. Ministers of the Crown, such as Mrs Shirley Williams, Mr Denis Howell and Mr Mulley who apparently remain members of Aper though they are ministers, took part in the picketing and thereby gave aid and support to what went on outside Grunwick's gates. The sponsorship of MPs by unions is a doubtful apparation, though of long operation, though of long standing. But surely for minis-ters in the Government to remain members of unions and take part in industrial disputes

It certainly must mean that Mr Ward is well justified in stating that the Government can have no claim to impartiality. I know that in this Government joint responsibility has been thrown overboard on many issues but this seems to me a most flagrant example of bow government has been corrupted Further, union demands for closed shops must make management (and all liberals) apprehensive of their activities and their alliance with mines

The third point is the posttion of Acas. It emerges quite clearly that this is an arm of government designed to further the interests of the trade unions. I believe that this, too, is undesirable. Mr Ward is blamed for not accepting the Scarman report. Mr Jack Jones would not accept the report of an inquiry to which a crack uping had not assested. a trade union had not assented. Mr Ward hanself says the Grunwick affair must raise the question as to whether or not are to become a corporate

wants the unions to be given our political system. On the need to clarify the law and responsibilities I agree with much of what he says. But if unions are to be given further privileges then those who are affected by unions-and is must be remembered that they now do as much as any other body to hold back our economy and depress the standard of life, particularly the boormust have an equal right to organize. This is exactly what the National Association for Freedom is doing.

It is an agonizing decision for those who call themselves liberals with a small "1" to decide whether they are going to sit by while the presupposi-tions of a liberal country, such as tolerance, are taken advanlieve in freedom or democracy or whether they too are to join the march towards corporatism. Furthermore, it raises once again awkward questions for the Government.

It, too, will have to abandon tolerant liberalism of the en-lightenment in the last 200 ears in favour of the sort of practices found essential in the Middle Acos. Already we see it using the Polish shinping order and the export credits market system to bring pressure on firms. Again, in many ways this is deplorable from a liberal

But it is the inevitable result of the growth in our society of powerful interests looking to their own advancement and showing little regard for the essentials upon which democracy must rest or the general interests of the people at large.



Ronald Butt

The Crossman legacy that paid off

The insistence of a House of Commons majority of com-bined Conservatives and Labour bined Conservatives and Labour backbenchers that the inquiry into the Crown Agents must be in the open, despite the Government's proposal that it should not, is an outstanding justification of the relaxation in 1967 of the conditions which have to be fulfilled for the Commons to secure an emergency debene. ency debate.

Under the more restrictive terms of Standing Order No 9 which previously existed it may be doubted whether the Speaker would have felt able to allow the application for the debatement least, perhaps, because of the uncertainty about the preministerial relationship cise ministerial relativish the Crown Agents.

The change in the terms of SO9 (which gives such a debate precedence over the Government's planned business) is the men's planned business) is the only one of Richard Crossman's reforms, as Leader of the House, between 1966 and 1968, which has both stood the test of time and achieved what it was intended to achieve—namely, the strengthening of the power of the Commons to call the executive to account.

> The other changes made in that period have either proved mat period have either proved ineffectual or have strengthened the hand of the executive over Parliament. After a year's trial, for instance, the experiment of morning sittings of the House had to be first modified and then abandoned because, instead of missing the province. stead of relieving the pressure on MPs, and freeing them from the need to sit so often late at night, it actually increased the

amount of time in which the Government could keep them on the trot.

control over supply strengthen the hands of the House. Admittedly it was sensible, in view of the weight and complexity of contemporary fiscal legislation, to send finance Bulls to a committee of the Bulls. to a committee of the House upstairs instead of keeping all the members in a committee of the whole House trooping through the lobbies all night on recimicalities beyond the com-prehension of a non-specialist.

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But the government of the day also benefits, particularly when it has no more than a hare working majority. It is easier for a Chancellor to force his legislation through a committee with a built-in majority of (say) one vote overall, than it would be to get it through a full House with a majority of (say) only three or four — although, of course, the Rooker-Wise amendment showed what can be done by cross-party voting in special circumstances even in a committee. But in general, a government can be more ruthgovernment can be more ruth-less in driving a standing com-mittee than in dealing with the whole House.

the whole House.

Similarly, although it was sensible to put an end to the vestiges of the pretence that supply days were used for discussing financial supply, when they were really opportunities for the Opposition to choose general topics for debate, even this diminished formal ability of the House to were presupply.

committees to investigate and shadow government depart ments came to nothing, or nothing much. Economic, for noming much. Economic, for-eign and other sorts of main-line policies which are at dispute between the parties were never instituted and, I believe, they probably never can be under our present system where the Government and Opposition parties are in constant dispute, and the survival of the Government depends on its getting a majority for its essential business. These conditions mean

instituted, for agriculture and education, for instance, kitle of value came out of their mighty efforts, though a huse amount of time was expended. Indeed, the case of the Crown Agents itself shows the ineffectiveness of such committees to shadow departments, because they cannot possibly take up every topic of interest—and as a result lift uncertainly from one

The Crown Agents case did briefly come before the overseas development committee, but it was dropped prematurely and instead the committee turned elsewhere—at one point departing for south-east Asia to look at rural development.

My own belief is that it is only where select committees are assigned to concrete cases are assigned to concrete cases for investigation, or where there is a real chance that subjects can be taken out of ordinary. party dispute by common con-sent, such as with race relations or the working of the nationalized industries, that such com-mirrees can be really effective.

so in the end, very little was left of the great period of the Crossman reforms, except for Standing Order no 9, but the changes made with this have been immensely valuable. Previously, the holding of an emergency, debate depended an whether it was deemed a "definite matter of urgent public importance," and the Speaker and the Speaker speaking or refusing a request. granting or refusing a request. Since he had become increas-

strictive precedents, a debate was usually refused, and the number of such debates so held had rapidly shrunk. Now, however, the Speaker no longer gives his reasons and the conditions for accepting a debate are simply that the matter must be "specific and important" and "should have urgent consideration." Since this reform, emergency

debates have been much more frequent, and are often of great importance. Indeed, no sooner had the procedure been altered than an SO9 debate was allowed in 1967 to discuss the Letter of Intent which the former Chancellor, Mr James Callaghan, who had resigned after devaluation, had sent to the IMF. The House not unreasonably thought it ought to debare the matter, though the Government did not, since it was alleged that the Government had put its policy in the hands of the IMF. The House had its way.

This week's debate is a torms of reference, and require the attendance of witnesses. If of this mechanism for House of commons power. Last Thurs- a summons to attend, a special day, the Speaker took the temperature of the House during prolonged questions to Mrs Hart, and decided that it wanted this debate, and that it was proper for it to have it. If one thing is needed to im-prove Parliament, it is to pro-

wide more opportunity for the Commons to debate Government policy before it becomes a fait accompli, since afterwards, when the Government's survival might be deemed to be a risk (though this is often no more chose than bluff) it is usually too late. The House of Commons in the Commons to have this sort of opportunity against the free-masoury of reciprocally com-prehending Government and Opposition front benches which would sometimes derv it to

The question now is the form the inquiry into the Crown Agents should take. The pre-Agent's another in will be a 1921 Act tribunal, of which there have been only six since the war. This is a procedure which was well described in the Commons the other day as a blockbuster. Nevertheless, it is one solution, and it would meet the case for openness.

There is, however, an alter-native. The House of Commons could itself undertake this kind of inquiry by appointing a select committee specifically select committee specifically offshoot of the Prerogative.

charged with investigating the This is essentially a political matter. Like a 1921 Act matter. Might it not be one tribunal the select marter. Like a 1921 Act matter. Might it not be one tribunal, the select committee which the House of Communitational air in public, with precise could deal with itself?

a summons to attend, a special Order of the House would be required to order his appearance, but that is not a handlesp of substance. Other distinctions are that a

ordinary rules of evidence and cross-examination, whereas a tribunal behaves more or less with the procedure of a law court. Yet there is no reason why a select committee should not bind itself in this way if it

to undertake this type of inquiry because it allows a very wide questioning of people who may not know what, if any, tharge lies against them. But that, of course, is a criticism also directed at tribupals.

Any inquiry in public, acting virtually as a court but without a definite charge, has this distance, but there are bined when it has to be accepted and the House of Commons has taken the view that this is one

In this case, the matter concerns public money for which Parliament is ultimately responsible, and also the behaviour and constitutional role of an institution for which the Covernment is allegedly the Government is allegedly not responsible because it is an

THE TIMES DIARY/ PHS

On the right lines, after Mr Heath Readers will be delighted to

learn that PHS occasionally gets something right. You will recall that on Tuesday I speculated that Margaret Thatcher was fed up with being upstaged by Edward Heath and that her followers were planning to hire for her the Braish Rail Inter-City exhibitions train that Mc Heach is currently using on his nationwide, bookselling mut. Surprise, surprise, Mrs. Thatcher has actually been negotiating with BR about the train and has provisionally booked it for the run up to the next general election. Clearly she shares Mr Heath's view that it is the sensible way to progress round the Eritish

The train has telephones, air conditioning and every mod con. Mr Heath said at the start of his inter-city trek that it was the obvious platform (no pun intended) from which to mount an election campaign. "Except, of course", he added "the security aspect."

Security apparently does not worry Mrs Thatcher and her advisers—and why should it? train is necessarily more vulnerable than an aeroplane or a motor car. Mr Heath's two bodyguards are in close attendance on the train this week. No doubt Mrs Thatcher's security men will be in the weeks preceding the election.



Vacant chair

Not only is the Labour Party short of funds, but it lacks a chairman for its finance and economic committee. When the committee last met,

only officials and two members of the national executive numed up: Norman Atkinson, party treasurer, and John Cart-wright, First item on the agenda was: election of chairman. When an official called for nominations, Messrs Atkinson and Cartwright just stared at each other. The meeting was

The Waffen-SS: an epilogue

You would, rightly, have thought that once those two former Waffen-SS officers were sent packing by the Home. Office last month, that would be the end of the story. Not so. There is a final instalment. But first, a brief recopitulation. The two men, one of them a member of Hitler's personal hodypartl, the other a commander of an SS division, came to Britain to launch what was called a new book: Waffen-SS: a History in 1.115 Pictures.

If that really was the reason they came, they need not have bothered. I now learn that the book was first published in 1973, despite advertisements by a Brighson firm of importers that spoke of "a unique and historic publishing event". A revised edition was brought out

Times past-and what followed

The reason they got together was that both started their careers as messengers on

Come the war, Mr Heren joined the army and nearly seven years later returned to the paper as a foreign and war correspondent. Admiral Lygo joined the Navy, and decided not to return

Louis Heren, our Deputy to Printing House Square when Editor, lunched yesterday at the company secretary intimated that there were few job with Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, the Vice Chief of Naval Staff. Their conversation mand many ships, including the touched only briefly on matters of trapsitive impactance such acceptable and many ships, including the soft trapsitive impactance such acceptable acceptable. present elevated appointment. He suggested that The Times and the Navy have one thing in

> beginnings.
> That still applies to the Navy but not, alas, to The Times or any other national newspaper.
> Largely because of the National Union of Journalists, a bright boy can no longer, to use 4 naval expression, come straight through the house pipe to an editorial chair.

common. Any bright boy could get on no matter what his

Most titled man in fiction

Not only was The Narrative of Archar Gordon Pym the longest story Poe ever wrote, but its full title is arguably the longest in all fiction. Take a deep breath, stifle your incredulity and read on:

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You might think after that,

one of the fascinating facts, which David Sinclair dug up while researching in America for his book Edgar Allan Poet (Dans 150 05).

for his book Edgar Allan Pan (Dent, 16.95p).

Emerging from the dark, after his labyrinthine journeyings through the mind of Pan, Mr. Satende is now making for sunnier territory. The subject of his next book is Queen Edgarbeth, the Queen Mother.

His aim, he says, will be made the first aim, he says, will be made there in an historical as well as personal and royal code. well as personal and royal con-

Heavy breathing

The expected end to the lift mechanics' strike will come 25 a relief to Sir Frank Cooper. permanent secretary at the Ministry of Defence, A heavy smoker, Sir Frank carefully chooses his companions for the climb to his sixth floor office. avoiding fit admirals whose pace leaves him panting and

breathless.
Mezuwhile, over at education. 70-year-old Lord Donaldson, whose office is on the eleventh. floor, has not been seen for a week and the civil servants all vie to avoid the privilege of accompanying Mrs Shirley Wilthat the story itself is super liams on her sprint up to the fluous. The omnibus title is 12th floor.

It is deltiology for old postcards and philomonism for matchbox labels but what is the word for collecting wine labels? The difficulty is not that there is not one word but that there are two. Some enthusiasts for the hobby arranged a competition and selected "vinititulism". Now is emerges that vinititulism has a rival, derived from the Greek rather than the Latin. In 1972 a reference Librarian at the state library of South Australia coined the word "cenotypophily "for an exhibition of wine labels." the library was staging.

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Founded in 1945 the Arab League has adopted the principle of gradual cooperation among its member states. Its main purpose is to coordinate policies and strengthen links between nations.

association of independent Arab states, founded in 1945 to coordinate policies of member states and to strengthen their natural links. Its membership now totals 22 and includes Algeria, Bow totals 22 and includes Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen Arab Republic, Yemen People's Democratic Republic.

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The doyen of similar regional organizations in other parts of the world, the Arab League has evolved effective institutions, reflecting its objectives to coordinate political, military, economic, social and cultural programmes within the Arab world. At the apex is the Council of the Arab League based in Cairo. Consisting of representatives from the 22 member states, including Palestine, the Council meets twice a year and operates on the formula of a single vote for each representative.

Unanimous decisions are, of course, binding on all member states but majority decisions only bind those states which have accepted them. There are 16 permanent committees entrusted with specific topics and they include the political committee whose membership includes all member states represented usually by their foreign ministers; the cultural committee; the economic committee which complements the autonomous Economic Council set up in 1953 : the communications committee which is responsible for land, sea and air communications as well as meteorology and postal affairs; the social committee which is basically concerned with family and child welfare; the legal committee which formulates all agreements; the Arab oil experts committee which studies proposals for the coordination of oil policies as well as monitors the snuggling of Arab oil into Israel; the information committee which implements the policies adopted by the Council of Information. Ministers; the health committee; the human rights committee which pays particular attention to the violation of human rights in Israel; the committee for administrative and financial affairs; the meteorology committee; the Arab experts cooperation committee the Arab women's committee, the youth welfare committee; and the liaison officers' committee which co-ordinates the activities of Arab commercial activities abroad.

The day-to-day activities of the League are handled by the General

The Arab League is a voluntary Secretariat headed by a Secretary organizations such as the Institute of issociation of independent Arab states. General who is appointed by the Arab Studies and Research Work ounded in 1945 to coordinate policies. League Council by a two-thirds which has a special department of member states and to strengthen majority agreement. The Secretary devoted to Palestinian studies, the General then appoints the six assistant secretary generals and other principal officials with the approval of the Council. The organization of the General Secretariat parallels that of the Council and includes a number of permanent departments: economic, political, legal, cultural, social and labour affairs, petroleum, finance, Palestine, health, information, communications, protocol and, the most recently formed, African affairs.

In addition, five groups have been set up under the terms of the Treaty of Joint Defence and Economic Go-operation concluded in 1950. On the military side, they are the Joint Defence Council composed of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Defence and it is responsible for the Arab States which closely co-operates supervision of military coordination; with the International Civil Aviation Defence and it is responsible to the supervision of military coordination; with the International Civil Aviation the Permanent Military Commission Organisation to standardise laws and staffed by representatives of army technical terms; the International Arab Organisation for Social Defence general staffs and set up to advise the Joint Defence Council; the Military Advisory Organisation which has simijar counselling function; and the Arab Unified Military Command set up in 1964 to coordinate defence policies for the liberation of Palestine. On the development side, the Treaty set up the Economic Council to coordinate economic programmes and is composed of the ministers of economic affairs of member states.

policy of gradual cooperation which is reflected in the organization of its committees and departments responsible for the coordination and investigation of precise areas of development. This function is most easily under-lined by the creation of a number of specialized agencies which attempt in a pragmatic and professional way to offer solutions to common problems of social and economic development. Many of thse specialized agencies are especially active in creating close links with parallel agencies within other regional or international agencies. For instance, the Arab League Educational Cultural and Scientific Organisation (ALESCO) is the Arab equivalent to UNESCO at which the Arab League has a permanent delega-tion. Like UNESCO, ALESCO aims at promoting educational growth and creating cultural facilities to provide a sounder basis for economic and social development. Most of its activities are

The Arab League has adopted a

Arab Literacy and Adult Education Organisation, the Institute of Arab Manuscripts, the Permanent Bureau for Arabisation and the Museum of Arab Culture.

Other autonomous bodies associated with international organisations include the Arab Labour Organisation set up in 1965 to unify labour and employment codes; the Arab Health Organisation; the Arab Postal Union; the Arab States Broadcasting Union whose membership now includes 21 Arab TV and radio stations and four foreign associates, the Arab Telecommunications Union which is now fully engaged in the setting up of Arabsat, an Arab satellite communications system; the Civil Aviation Council of Against Crime set up in 1965 to study the causes and remedies for crimes and the rehabilitation of convicted prisoners; the Joint Arab Scientific Council for the Utilisation of Atomic Energy which is responsible for monitoring peaceful developments in atomic research and for coordinating Arab programmes; the Arab Organi-sation for Standardisation and Metro-logy collaborates with international bodies to effect standardisation of weights and measures and to unify technical terms and specifications for food, drugs, oil, minerals and other products; the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development and the closely associated Arab Centre for the Study of Dry Regions and Arid Terri-tories based in Damascus; the Arab Organisation for Administrative Science which publishes a useful research series on Arab management skills; and the Arab Institute of Petroleum Research.

The comprehensive system of subsidiary and specialised agencies reflects the League's commitment to practical co-operation in the Arab world. This same pragmatism is mirrored by the Arab League's external relations formulated to coordinate activines at all levels of Arab embassies abroad. For instance, there are Arab League offices or information centres in Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, France, Federal carried out through subsidiary Republic of Germany, India, Italy,

In many respects, the Arab League resembles the regional or international organisations in other parts of the world. But, on several vital levels, its role, functions and features are unique. First, its character is determined by the specific conditions of the Arab world and, above all, by the omnipresent thrust of Arab national-ism. Unity in the Arab world is im-petiled by the history as well as the future of this vast area stretching from the Gulf to the Atlantic Ocean. Formed by 13 centuries of Arab and Islamic civilisation, the 22 modern states included in the Arab world have a natural identity based on a common religion and a common language. Most of the states have shared the same historical experiences first as elements of the vibrant Arab empires from the 7th to the 14th centuries and then as parts of the Ottoman system from 1500 to 1917. Indeed, despite the complexity of ethnic, social, economic and—in some countries—even religious and cultural organisation, the commonality of shared history and identity has prevailed since AD 700.

The expansion of Western influence in the area in the 19th and 20th centuries has to some extent disguised this natural recognition of shared identity and has created often competitive responses to the inevitable modernisation of the Arab world. The The French presence in North Africa and the Levant and the British involvement in the Mashreq have especially confused but not destroyed the omnipresent sentiments of modern Arab nationalism. Perhaps the survival and necessity of a shared allegiance to 1300 years of history and to visions of a common future.

The dispossession of the Palestinian people and the confrontation between the Arab world and the essentially European state of Israel traumatised the Arab World as no other single event had done, destroying regional stability and provoking a disturbing re-examination of Arab nationalism. One effect was the demonstration of the need for the coordination and co-operation for which the Arab

Japan, Spain, Switzerland, United mechanism necessary for the effective achieve. Similarly, the League has Kingdom, United States, Kenya, Nigeria and Senegal.

Mechanism necessary for the effective achieve. Similarly, the League has strengthening of Arab military and strengthened the Arab world's even economic bases. As a result, the Arab more natural ties with Africa North of coordinating inter-Arab military and political programmes vis-a-vis common threats to the Arab World. The Summit Conferences of the heads of Arab States are held under the auspices of the Arab League. One leading 'typical) example being the Khartoum Summit Conference in August 1967, which was held to formulate common responses to the June war, resulted in the commitment of reguler subsidies and military sup-port to the front-line states by other Arab countries. This general Arab support mobilised by the Arab League was reiterated at the Rabat summit in 1969 and the crucial Algier summit 1969 and the crucial Algiers summit in November 1973 after the successful Egyptian crossing of the Suez Canal during the October war.

At the same time, the Arab League has attempted to encourage a sound regional stability which the unending conflict with Israel often prevents. Indeed, the trauma of recent history in the Middle East has created a number of differing, often competing responses in the Middle East. But the growth of the Arab League is perhaps the outstanding achievement and the League has more and more involved itself in reducing tensions and mediating actual disputes. The cessation of the Lebanese civil war through Arab League efforts and the creation of a special Arab peacekeeping force which has successfully intervened in and even flowering of the sense of the Lebanese conflict certainly League-sponsored aid institutions such common destiny despite the traumatic demonstrates the importance and events of the last 100 years is an efficacity of this Arab role. Similar Social Development to channel investeffective in providing a peaceful solution to the Algerian-Moroccan-Mauritanian dispute over the Western Sahara.

Second, the Arab League has focused the attentions of the Arab world on Europe and Africa and created the mechanisms to stimulate active and practical cooperation. The formation of a general committee on the EEC allowed the subsequent evolution of the Euro. Arab dialogue which, for the first time in the often troubled history between the two regions, has set out to define and strengthen specific areas of cooperation between the Middle East and the EEC. In many ways, the Euro-Arab dialogue is a natural outcome of the League was designed. Consequently, geographic, strategic and economic the League was gradually transformed links between the two, but, in other from an arena for inter-Arab dialogue ways it underlines the effective cointo . a practical · coordinating operation which each side is able to

economic bases. As a result, the Arab more natural ties with Africa. Not League has assumed the crucial role only are seven members of the Arab League members of the Organisation of African Unity but an uninterrupted belt in the Sabel and Central Africa has historical and religious affiliations with the Arab world. Indeed, the language of African nationalism, Swahili, is closely linked to Arabic-To underline this special relationship, the Arab League has mobilized Arab support for Africa on a number of levels. On the grand scale, the insti-tution of a series of Afro-Arab summits, such as the Cairo meeting in March 1977, has profoundly strengthened the basics of inter-regional cooperation. More specifically, the creation in 1975 of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa has provided an essential institution for the visible strengthening of Arab cooperation with Africa.

> Finally, the massive increase in the wealth of many Arab states after the re-adjustment of oil prices in 1974 has re-inforced the economic basis for Arab unity. Indeed the combined GNP of Arab League states now totals more than \$180 billion and heralds unprecedented opportunities for development throughout the Arab world. To make this development as effective and even-paced as possible, the Arab League has dramatically increased its economic functions. One effect has been the creation of Arab ment funds from the wealth less wealthy Arab states. Similarly, it has helped to set up the Arab Monetary Fund along the lines of the IMF to buffer Arab states from shortterm liquidity problems. But perhaps more important in the long run has been the League's involvement through its specialized agencies and departments in coordinating develop-ment plans to ensure greater compli-mentarity of trade. Complementarity is also the aim of the Arab Common Market set up in 1964 and which Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and Syria have so far joined.

More successful has been the creation of Arab joint companies through the Council of Arab Economic Unity. These now include joint ventures for mining animal wealth, pharmaceuticals and medical supplies, agriculture and food production, tourism and industrial investments.

Islam-a guide for the future

Islam has left its mark upon many peoples from Spain to the Indonesian archipeligo. The community which fourteen centuries ago gariered around Muhammad and his companions now consists of an estimated eight hundred million people, or a quarter of the world's population. Islam is more than a religion; it is a way of life which has succeeded in uniting all Muslims every-where, whatever their where, whatever their nationality. Every year, during the month of Dhu al-Hijja, the

Pilgrimage Month, several million Muslims converge upon Mecca in perpetuation of a custom established by the Prophet as one of the basic precepts of Islam. The performance of the "Hajj' incumbent upon every Muslim at least once in his lifetime, if he can afford it and if health permits it. This dramaric event illustrates the singular unity which characterises the spirit of

The Quran, as well as being a spiritual guide, is also geared to the practical considerations of everyday life. Thus, Isk mic "Holy" law deals with the funda-mental aspects of existence in a civilised community as well as points of religious observance. Islam has avoided clothing itself in superstition and excessive ritual, it has always excised as a practical and dynamic idea. The Prophet, more idea. The Prophet, more than a religious leader, was also a head of stare founded in AD 622 when Mohammed and his followers finally left Mecca and went to settle in

Fifty years after the Hijra-as this migration of the community was called-Islam had grown from a small group of austere monotheists occupying one town to an empire which included Iraq, Palestine, Syria, Cyprus, part of Egypt and the ancient Persian empire.

Most of the lands into which Islam so quickly spread had already reached a high level of cultural development. As the Arabs advanced they found themselves in control of governseives in control of governments more complex than their own tribal system and in many cases adopted the existing order where appro-priate. As it expanded therefore, Islam often absorbed as much as it brought with it, assimilating foreign thought and methods but always giving them an essentially Islamic character. Many institutions were allowed to continue in their functions and many people, perceiving the obvious advantages of Islam, were glad to adopt

Several factors contribute to the success of this errly Islamic period. When Mohammed died in AD632 he had appointed no suc-cessor as leader of the Islamic community "al-Umma". The responsibility of choosing a successor was assumed by a council of the Propher's companions. Eventually Abu Bakr, one of the earliest of Mohanmed's supporters accepted the task and the title of Caliph (Khalifa-successor or "Vicar"). During his lifetime Mohammed had always stressed that he was no more than an ordinary man and that he possessed no supernatural powers; he was merely the vehicle of God's message as revealed in the Koran. Furthermore, since he was the last of God's prophets the role of the Caliph was restricted to that of leader of the Umma

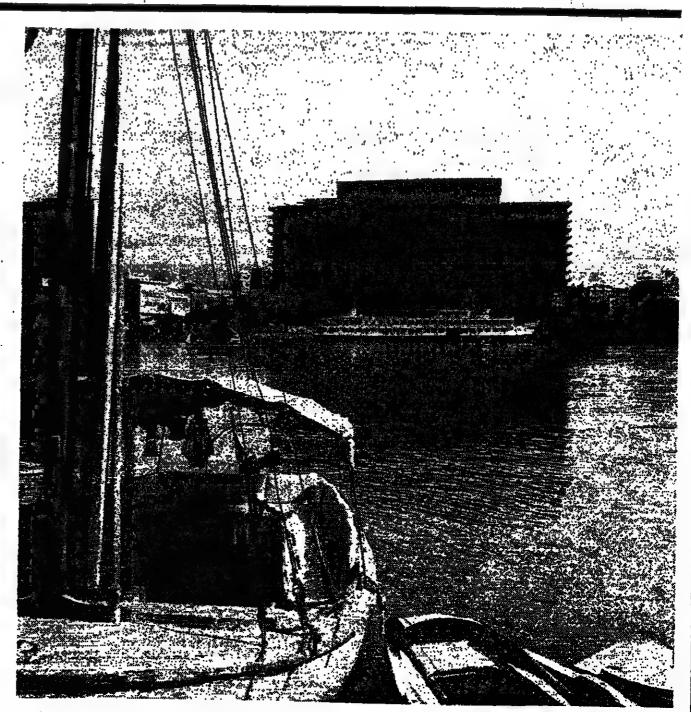
and guardian of its identity.
This soon became difficult
however. Many Muslims
were of the opinion that Ali
bin Abi Taleb, the propher's son-in-law and cousin, should have succeeded to should have succeeded to the Caliphate. This group called itself the Shi'at Ali (Ali's Party) or later, simply the Shi'at Thus, even at this very early stage of Islam, the Arabs were-divided. As tension and ill feeling increased between the two groups a direct conthe two groups a direct con-frontation was only avoided through skilful diplomacy. The armies of the rival factions were persuaded to unite and were despatched on a campaign of "Jihad"—literally "striving in the way of God"—to spread the. message of Islam.

The success of these early campaigns was spectacular. Only three years after the Prophet's death the Arabs entered Damascus, seven years later the rich but decadent Persian empire under the corrupt Sassanid régime fell to the Muslims. Meanwhile, however, internal disputes continued to simmer between the orthodox Muslims and the supporters of Ali, Matters finally came to a head when Ali was defeated in battle and later, in January 661, was mur-dered by an extremist fanatic. His son Hassan re-nounced his claim to the leadership but the Shi'ne movement, far from collapsing continued to exist and took more of a religious than political tone. The Caliphate was assumed by the ambitious Mu'awiya, Ali's victor. This marked the foundation of the Umayyad dynasty with its capital in Damascus. The Umayyad court, whilst remaining essentially Arab and strictly Islamic in prac-

its recently conquered Persian predecessor. As the Muslim empire expanded into Byzantine territory Roman law began to play a part in those areas of the law not covered in the konan and in dealing with Islam's non-Muslim subjects.
Generally speaking the
Arabs displayed en antitude
of tolerance to their Jewish and Christian subjects who, as fellow "People of the Book"—the Bible—worshipping the one God, were granted privileges such as freedom of worship. The lack of oppression allowed society to flourish under the new and dynamic Arab regime as Islam spread west-wards to the Pyrenees and eastwards into India and to the borders of China.

In AD 750 Abu al-Abbas led a revolution against the Umayyads and having suc-ceeded in defeating them founded his own dynasty with capital at Baghdad. Under the Abbasids the Islamic empire continued to grow with the Muslim armies twice reaching the gates of the Byzantine capi-tal at Constantinople. The period was principally one of cultural development. however. The quest for knowledge is a fundamental part of Islam. People are fond of quoting such sayings of the prophet as "The quest for knowledge is an obliga-tion on every Muslim" or "Seek knowledge even unto China". Under the liberal patronage of the Abbasid dynasty science, art and literature flourished at a time when Europe was struggling through the Dark Aces. Schools were set up on government grants to translate the Greek Philo-

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Viability of creating an independent state of Palestine: economic assessment of likely resources and prospects for the future

Legitimate rights of Palestine people

there it should end. Indeed, now that the international community through the United Nations recognises and supports the legitimate rights of the Palestininian people, prospects for a solution to the seemingly unending Arab-Israeli conflict seem brighter than ever. Most importantly, the creation of an independent Palestinian state based on the West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip and the peaceful coexistence of this state with Israel through international guarantees—a formula strongly favoured by many Arab countries as well as the U.N.—is a suggestion that provides the strongest hopes for a final settlement.

The Middle East crisis began in Pales-

tine. The burden of history insists that

Not surprisingly, Israel has demonstrated a marked reluctance to accept the legitimisation of a Palestinian homeland. Despite the promise of international guarantees offered by, among others, the United States, to ensure Israel's security, the Israeli Government argues that the existence of an independent Palestine will pose an irreducible threat to regional stability and place an implacably hostile neighbour on its vulnerable borders. Considering the chronic insecurity resulting in four Arab-Israeli wars and dangerous political and economic burdens shouldered by both sides since 1948 precisely because of the dispossession of the Palestinian people, the Îsraeli argument that the restitution of a Palestinian homeland will provoke even greater instability demonstrates an unfortunately obstinate short-sightedness. Because of 30 years of embittered struggle by the Palestinians to regain their own state, there will possibly be some residual tension between the now independent Palestinian state and Israel and only the proof of time and the active cultivation of goodwill by leaders on both sides will be able to allay such friction. International guarantees of territorial integrity will, of course, make certain that whatever tensions do exist are contained and that opportunities for the eruption of actual hostilities are eliminated. Such a prospect, no matter how unpleasant in the short and medium term, is indeed far preferable to the outbreak of another full-scale war between Israel and its Arab neighbours which will be inevitable unless the Palestinian problem is resolved.

Israels' political and military assumptions about an independent Palestine are complemented by accusations that the West Bank and Gaza cannot form the basis of a viable state. Remarkably, similar arguments were formulated in the 1940s to demonstrate that the embryonic Israel could not be economically viable. These earlier accusations against Israel were wrong. And so are the current arguments by Israel.

These arguments centre on the inevitably small size of the probable Palestinian state, the physical separation of The West Bank and Gaza Strip, absence of any natural access to the sea from the West Bank and the lack of natural resources. The argument that its smallness would make it non-viable is especially specious. Belgium, Holland, Trinidad, Jamaica, Singapore and even Israel itself have all achieved relatively sophisticated economies despite small territorial bases. And using the U.N. Study of Land Policies as a basis for evaluation, the director of the

Land Use Institute in Tel Aviv has sug-

gested that a total of 640 square kilo-

metres would be required to support a

population of one million on the West Bank. Assuming that the area of the proposed Palestinian state will be around 6,000 square kilometres and that the present Arab population of one million will be re-inforced by the return of up to two million refugees, there would seem to be ample space to maintain a substantial Palestinian population on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The separation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip is a far more difficult proposition. The Gaza Strip, covering 378 square kilometres on the south-western edge of Israel on the Egyptian border, now has 440,000 inhabitants which are, to some extent, dependent on employment in Israel. The 5,949 square kilometre West Bank has a population of 690,000 Palestinians and will probably be the focus of most of the returning refugees. Nor does the crowded Gaza Strip offer as much potential—isolated and labour-exporting as it is—as does the West Bank. Economic integration of the two elements will, therefore, be an essential priority of the new Palestinian state and can only be. achieved by Israel's acceptance of some formula to allow the unrestricted access from one area to another. An internationally patrolled corridor between the two regions would invariably be the most attractive device. There are as well more imaginative but less imperative options open to both sides. For instance, the international economist, Dr. Elias Tuma, of the University of California, has suggested two possible alternatives: a Palestine based on Galilee and the West Bank extending south-west to the Dead Sea and curving across in a corridor of access to the Mediterranean at Acre; and, secondly, a state centred on the southern part of the old British Mandate territory and cutting south-west to include the Gaza Strip. But, whatever the precise outlines of the Palestinian homeland, even the fragmented state which seems to be the most apparent solution, will prove to be viable. First of all, the Arab dynamic will ensure absolute co-operation with neighbouring Arab states and easy access to Aqaba port through Jordan for the West Bank and to Egypt and the Suez Canal for Gaza. Secondly, the insistent nationalism of the Palestinians themselves who have discovered a unique identity by sharing a common tragedy for the past 30 years will provide the necessary basis for the creation of a homeland no matter how disjointed. As a result, territorial contiguity need not be an absolute precondition for nationhood.

Equally, there is little justification to deny the viability of the proposed state because of its apparent poverty and lack of natural resources. With a per capita income of \$300 compared to \$450 in Jordan, \$700 in Lebanon and \$1,900 in Israel the new state would indeed begin life as the most impoverished country in the area. But its potential is demonstrable and consistent economic growth could be achieved by intensive development of agriculture, light industry, tourism and exportable services. Agriculture would necessarily receive the greatest attention in order to overcome the present shortage of water resources. But the Israeli and, increasingly, the Arab experiences in developing agriculture in arid regions proves that lack of water is not an insur-mountable obstacle. The Arab Centre for the Study of Dry Regions and Arid Lands and the high technology agricultural experiments in Saudi Arabia. Kuwait and Abu Dhabi will invariably provide invaluable sources of expertise to overcome this problem in Palestine. As a result and if there is an immediate and hefty investment in irrigation projects, there is no reason to suppose that the small Palestinian state could not develop a flourishing agricultural sector in its less hospitable regions. Costs for such programmes would indeed be high—as much as \$1 billion—but considering the

commitment of the Arab world to a Palestinian entity it is certain that the Arab community of states would be willing and able to provide the necessary funds.

Light industry which had been run down during the occupation in order not to compete with industrial activity in Israel proper would need similarly high levels of investment. The development of manufacturing will be especially attrac-tive, however, because of the high quality of manpower resources. Palestinians on a per capita basis are the best trained and most educated group in the Arab world. Many of them have had invaluable experience as managers, technicians or skilled labourers in other Arab countries and would bring with them essential skills necessary for the creation of a sophisticated economy. The growing economic integration of the Arab world will also ensure substantial markets for the manufacturing industries utilising this skilled domestic manpower.

Tourism is already an important source of income and, with the resolution of the Middle East crisis heralded by the creation of a Palestinian state, would certainly flourish even more. Again, hefty investments would have to be made in infrastructure and facilities to cope with the growing number of Christian, Muslim and Jewish pilgrims to the Holy Cities on the West Bank.

The most immediately realisable resource would be the Palestinian people themselves. As the most educated and skilled group in the Arab world, they have easy access to employment in the booming oil countries. Judging from the dimensions of remittances from workers abroad received by labour-exporting countries such as Egypt and Lebanon, the flow of repatriated earnings from this employment could well total \$500 million a year once the population potential has been reached.

According to most preliminary investigations, the income target of the new state would have to be \$600 a head to make it economically viable. Assuming a population potential of 3.2 million, the investment needed to realise this level of per capita income would be \$5 billion. To many critics of the Palestinian state such a lavish expenditure on such a small vulnerable country to make it viable is a demonstration of just how absurd the reality of an independent Palestine would be. These critics perhaps ignore the far greater absurdities of war. For instance, the October war in 1973 cost Israel about \$8 billion and Egypt and Syria \$15 million. The price of an independent Palestine is perhaps better value for money.

The insistence of Arab commitment to the Palestinian struggle suggests that the new state would have immediate access to massive investment funds from the oilrich members of the Arab League. Nor would economic viability be assured byonly regional assistance. The international community, invariably threatened by the implications of the Arab-Israeli conflict is equally impelled by its own interests to ensure a solid-based and flourishing Palestine. Indeed, the creation of an independent Palestine presents. the impressive probability of internationally sponsored economic development with Arab money and Western expertise and technical assistance creating a vibrant economy in the new Palestine.

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The Euro-Arab dialogue

The overall dialogue between the number of practical steps towards co-definable political stance on the out-Arab world and the nations of Europe operation. The General Committee standing Middle Rast issues, notably upon the commitment at the October that of Palestine. If one excluded the meeting of the General Committee titive capacity elsewhere his hard at the October to the out-definable political stance on is concerned, whatever the North Sea peans some \$3.5m (nearly £2m). eventually yields.

For European companies the Arab world is a major market; Saudi Arabia, as an instance, will within a country such as West Germany.

trialized countries.

Patently the political importance of the Middle East in world affairs creates a vital bond of interest however divergent views of the individual countries might be at any one time towards one or other specific issues.

Without doubt the most important expression of these interdependances has so far been the Euro-Arab Dialogue, with its active General Com-mittee, created in November 1973 in the wake of the October War. The initiative came from the nine nations, of the European Community in tacit recognition of the economic and political influence of the Arab nations.

The Europeans particularly wanted to work out where there could be economic cooperation with Arab countries. Naturally enough the Arabs, while also aware of the advantages

economic cooperation, were especially interested in getting some for sensible planning for the subse-European influence behind their politi- quent addition of the rest of the infracal stance in the Middle East, centring on the question of Palestine.

It was inevitable that the Euro-Arab Dialogue would have its difficulties as both Europeans and Arabs grappled with the need to understand each other's point of view. There was also the point, for instance, when Henry Kissinger, then United States Secretary of State, curtly told the European Community to keep politics out of the Euro-Arab Dialogue.

But such phases with their difficulties and problems have largely proved to be growing pains in the development of a much surer awareness of what can be achieved between Europe and the Arab world and certainly in the strengthening of the Euro-Arab Dialogue as an organisational entity.

It is important to understand both what the Dialogue means to Europeans and Arabs and what it can reasonably achieve, but what is already clear is that the Dialogue has now entered a new and already fruit-

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fines of the Middle East. Just as the ... The other will explore the concept out clearly in sharply defined ideo-European level of investment in Arab of new towns, bringing together the logical terms. But the Arab point of countries is rising, so is Arab invest- considerable experience which now view essentially was that economic ment, at both institutional, company exists in Europe — especially the and individual level, increasing in United Kingdom—of this method of Europe as much as in other indus- dealing with burgeoning communisthere was so much interaction in-

> Arab states now in the throes of coping with almost instantly created Industrialized communities should find it especially illuminating to hear in detail of the European experience of what has proved to be the problems and misapprehensions of earlier new town planning.

> . In the more affluent Arab states the planners naturally already work to the concept of providing for a new community's total needs, from schools and mosques to shops and entertain-ment. But even in less affluent countries where the overriding call onresources is to provide homes—as in some areas of the new Suez zone cities - the European experience should be able to furnish a time-frame structure necessary to a community's successful development.

> The General Committee also authorized expenditure on three agricul-tural studies, in the Sudan, Somalia and Iraq. Four major transport studies are also to go ahead.

It is particularly encouraging that schemes with a more practical economic impact—of particular interest to European countries with their need to increase trade with the Arab world, thus evening up the balance of trade that is so much in favour of the oilproducers—are falling under the aegis of the General Committee.

There was in the pest a tendency to by-pass the Dialogue organization with inter-regional economic arrangements between the European Community and Arab nations. The Lome Convention in early 1975, for instance, involved three Arab countries (Somalia, Sudan and Mauritania) as well as some 40 others in Africa and elsewhere.

The following year the Community concluded an economic agreement with the Maghreb-Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia. There were subsequently other agreements with Jordan, Syria

politics, the feeling appeared to run, there was less chance of cooperative ventures being disrupted by any crises

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In the earlier years of the Dialogue, Two symposiums, aimed at broaden- moreover, it must have seemed there was little to gain in straining relations with the United States by adopting sharply differentiated policies when the Community after all was arguably less than a major influence on the

Inevitably in such a situation there Arab financial institutions are playing a widening role that is taking ing up of the infrastructure of fasttheir influence well beyond the confines of the Middle East. Just as the infrastructure of fastdeveloping Arab nations. matters could not really be divorced from the political, simply because volved.

> It also became clear that Arab opinion was well aware of the diplomatic niceties and realistically was not asking the impossible of Europe. In other words the Dialogue, though shaky during the closing months of the Kissinger policies, was holding up despite considerable pressures.

Well, fire tempers the steel, and anyway along came the Carter Presidency. There is now more flexibility in the United States approach to the Arab-Israeli situation and Mr Carter is avoiding the error of trying to decide the future of Palestine without also tackling the question of the Pales-

The European Community has now been able to take up a more positive attitude. In June the EEC heads of government particularly went out of their way to point out that a solution to the Middle East conflict depended on the translation into fact of the legitimate right of the Palestinian people to give effective expression to their national identity. That would have to take into account the need for a homeland for the Palestinian people, it was pointed out.

The EEC believed the Palestinian people should participate in peace negotiations, the early resumption of which it saw as crucial, with all participants approaching the issues in a constructive and realistic spirit. Israel needed to end the territorial occupation it had maintained since the 1967 war and must be ready to recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

Equally the Arab side must be ready to recognize the right of Israel, and every state of the region, to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries, the EEC pointed out.

The European Community's policy, underlined at the United Nations in October, has lessened the gap between

that both sides would work towards a meeting of the Dialogue at foreign minister level. A date and a place for such a meeting has not yet been fixed but is expected in the early part of next year.

The Arab delegation at the October meeting felt it was time the Community recognized the Palestine Liberation Organisation as legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

It was also suggested that the Community should suspend economic and military aid to Israel. Obviously the Arab delegation felt it was inconsistent that the Community should have a preferential trade agreement with Israel while criticising Israeli actions in the occupied territories. Aid naturally must help Israel in continuing to enforce its occupation there.

The Palestinian delegation called strongly for a comprehensive policy on the Middle East and insisted that an agreement should be reached at the next meeting of the General Committee. However, the delegation stopped short of writing an end to the Dialogue if such an agreement was not forthcoming then.

The Europeans for their part clearly felt that the key to the Middle East peace negotiations lay outside Europe, at any rate for the time being. For the noment keep a comparatively low profile on the politics seemed to be the general feeling and until the foreign minister meeting takes the two sides nearer to a common political platform this may to an extent be necessary, depending on events.

Even so it would be easy to underestimate the extent of the accord already achieved within the Dialogue and the more the commerce of ideas flows the more this could grow. Nevertheless the delicacy of the political issues is not the only problem facing the Dialogue.

tial trade agreements between the Community and the Arab world as a whole. But to move away from bilateral agreements would be a major policy switch for the Europeans. There is also the problem that some of the Arab countries are running trade surpluses because of oil revenues while the Community has a massive trade deficit, amounting at the moment to some \$14,000m (nearly £8,000m).

European assistance for Arab industrial projects inevitably produce a clash of interests. For every official co-operative venture entered into there could be a consequent loss to a European country of a contract to provide the expertise.

Arab countries, too, naturally want not just to sell crude oil but to reap

any rate the short-term interests of exports rose by 20 per cent. individual countries in the Community. There is a similar clash of making capacity is concerned.

seminate technological know-how, a prime need of the Arab countries. A ted and, given Arab keenness to cen- manufacturer. tralize the operation in the Middle East, Tunis has been considered as a location.

There has been some preparatory work on other cooperative projects. These include the drafting of a reciprocal code for the protection of invest- United Kingdom and West Germany, ments, rules for protecting the marine environment and the definition of a standard commercial contract.

Although the political questions now loom largest over the future of the Dialogue, potentially the most important developments will be in these areas of technical and practical cooperation. The great advantage in the Dialogue establishing regular and open channels of communication is the regularity that must be achieved in the exchange of the sort of technological information that provides the essential building bricks for the industrialised societies now being built by the Arab nations.

On another level admittedly this has been occurring for some time. The Arab world has been buying the expertise of the West for projects as diverse as oil refineries, dam and port construction and the most advanced medical, electronic and other technological facilities. British consultants particularly have benefited from this hunger for expertise.

The trouble is that this way technological information is amassed piecemeal. An integrated programme such as would be possible via the Dialogue would plug the gaps particularly for those Arab countries less rich in natural resources whose increased growth and industrial sta-bility would contribute both to the growth of the Arab world as a market The Dialogue could, for instance, be for European goods and as an econothe means of establishing the conditions for the conclusion of preferenstronger entity in the Middle East.

> The greater the economic and political strength of the Arab nations the more stable the Middle East becomes. While the less rich Arab countries could at the technical level be the greater beneficiaries of a continued progress within the Dialogue, there could equally be benefits within Europe, particularly for Italy with its balance of payments problems. If trade grows between Europe and the Arab countries Italy is the natural gateway for exports and could itself contribute more goods for the Arab economies

As things stand Italy has seen an immense growth of exports to the now entered a new and already fruitnow entered a new and already fruitful phase.

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While the increased price of oil has been a major drain on Italy's finaninterests as far as creating new steel- cial resources the country has nevertheless gained from increased trade There does however seem a good with the Arab world. Another exchance of setting up a centre to dis- ample of the recycling of petrodollars was the Libyan Arab Foreign Bank's taking a 13 per cent holding Euro-Arab Institute has been sugges- in Fiat, the major Italian vehicle

SUMED, the major oil pipeline link-ing the Gulf of Suez with the mediterranean which was opened recently, was built by Italian companies.

This pattern, already echoed particularly with companies in the would undoubtedly be strengthened the more fruitful the Dialogue became.

Undoubtedly a major measure of success for the Dialogue is going to be, not only a growing trade between Europe and the Arab world based on a realistic, commonly backed policy on Middle East affairs, but the way the problem of the less-rich Arab states is tackled.

For instance in Egypt there is one scheme for the reclamation of some 3m acres in the south involving a canal network by the waters behind the Aswan high dam. British and French experts have been helping prepare plans for growing crops including tea, coffee, sugar cane and wheat. Roads, railways, towns and airports will also have to

Another project involves reclaiming large tracts of the Sinai desert. It is also planned to reclaim some 500,000 acres along the Suez canal,

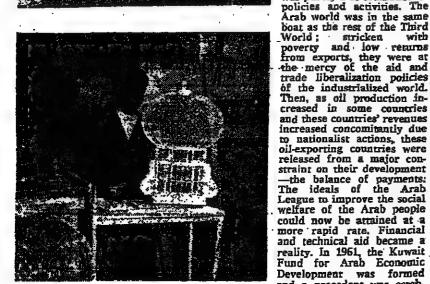
Massive help for such harderpressed Arab countries—the Sudan being one of the most striking examples-has already been forthcoming from the richer Arab countries. In the past, however, these have to an extent been piecemeal efforts, although a great deal has now been done to make them part of more fully integrated programmes, a process that could still continue with advantage.

The Dialogue could help that process as well as keying in European influence and commercial interest. In the immense surge of intra-regional development in the Arab world, in which Gulf states like Kuwait as well as Saudi Arabia have played such decisive roles, it is significant that straightforward aid is being progressively joined by strictly commerciallybased investment.

There is an increasing involvement of individual investors' cash in the multifarious investment companies now operating. Given the right conditions and protection it shows how European interests at this as well as official level could grow.

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Market scenes in Tunisia-a Special Arab Assistance Fund for Africa was established

The Arab nation and Africa Special Arab Ald Fund For Africa (SAAFA)

The basic principle embodied in the Islamic creed is "unitarianism" (making parmers with God), but if one will except the semantic it has also come to mean "co-operation" in the Arab world. From its early beginnings in 1945, with the creation of the Arab League, the drive for co-operation to attain the common good for the muslim people has become a drive for the common good of the people of the Third World.

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COMORO ISLANDS	0.5	•	
ETHIOPIA	14,2		
CAMITA	0.7	•	
GHANA	4.4	•	
GUINEA-BISSAU	0.25	•	
EQUATORIAL-GUINEA	0.5	-	
KENYA	3.6	•	
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LIBERIA	3.6	•	
MADAGASCAR	4.8	•	
MALI	. 7,8	•	
MAURITIUS	2.7	•	
MOZAMEIQUE	1	•	
NIGER	2,7	•	
RWANDA	2	•	
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NOMALIA	7.5		
SIERRA LEONE	3.6	•	
SWAZILAND	4.2	•	
TANZANIA	14.2	•	
UGANDA	11.3	•	
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by the fourfold increase in oil prices. It has also pro-vided assistance to newly tries. At the end of 1976, though, the capital stocks of ABEDA and SAAFA were merged. At that time \$208.5m had been disbursed to African states from SAAFA. (Table E.)

Loans disbursed ABEDA reached a lowertotal in 1976 than in the previous year. (\$62m as opposed to \$81.6m.) The agency has explained this by the fact that technical facilities were created in 1976 for independent and the second of the s 1976 for independent project identification and study to deal not only with the techdeal not only with the tech-nical implications of joint financing but in equal mea-sure and, more particularly, for those in which the agency was to be the sole source of finance—or at least the leading partner.

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Islam-a guide for the future

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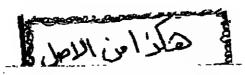
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IF CHINA WANTS THE HARRIER

A sale of Harrier vertical-take approach, he said, but if they . The radio said that the Labour off fighters, to China would did Britain would "consider all government seemed to realize even have arrived seems reasonably clear. The Chinese have been interested for some time, but now they look like serious customers. They gave this impression to a British industrial delegation visiting Peking last month, and shortly afterwards a high level Chinese delegation, led by Mr Li Chiang, Minister of Foreign Trade, flew to Dunsfold to watch the machine in action, presumably not just out of idle curiosity. Obviously, the Harrier would

make military sense for China. The new regime in Peking is very conscious of the need to match. the Soviet Union's enormous forces on the frontier with cometing of the something of the frontier. with something more advanced than Mao Tse-tung's guerrillas. The Harrier could give very valuable support to ground troops because it would not be dependent on the relatively few existing airstrips in the difficult terrain of the frontier area, all of which could be quickly knocked out by the Russians. If there are doubts in the minds of the Chinese military experts they probably derive mainly from the fact that the Harrier is a complex aircraft, difficult to fly, easy to crask, and dependent on fairly advanced ground services. Even the Americans have had trouble with it. But if he Chinese can be persuaded that these problems are sur-mountable there seems no reason why they should not move towards definite negotia-

tions. How should Britain respond? In the Commons on Tuesday Mr. Wellbeloved, Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the Royal-Air Force, tried to give the impression that the whole matter was still somewhat hypothetical. The Chinese had made no formal

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There is a widespread belief in

this country that many people

receiving social security payments are scrounging off the state. There are in fact two

different kinds of accusation,

though the critics often do not

distinguish carefully between them. One is the accusation of

deliberate fraud, by which pay-ments are obtained through false

statements, which is a criminal offence. The other is a more subtle abuse of the system that

the state because the person con-cerned has made no serious

effort to provide for himself.

This is not a criminal offence but

it is still a most damaging practice because, like fraud, it leads to the waste of public money, it undermines respect both for the

social security system and for

the vast majority of beneficiaries

who are getting payments honestly, and it provokes justi-

fiable resemment that some

people should be helped who are

mental committee that the Minister for Social Security, Mr

Sanley Orme, published yester-

day is evidence of the attention

that the Government are devoting to the problem. That is true

both of the substance of the

report, specifying the many

improvements in procedure to detect and deter fraud, and of the Minister's welcome decision

to publish the document rather

than to allow it to remain a con-

fidential working paper within

the confines of government departments. He is wary of the

danger of instituting a witch

hunt, but in order to strike a

The report of an inter-depart-

not truly in need.

money being obtained from

involve serious; and complex the factors, including the econodecisions. That the time for mix and political ones. In fact banking on selling the Harrier, decisions is approaching or may there must have been a good and that China's takes with even have arrived seems. deal of consideration already. West European Rightists had Certainly there ought to have been, as the subject is scarcely secret agreement to establish an new. Indeed, as Mr MacFar- anti-Soviet alliance with China quhar suggested in questioning Mr Wellbeloved, there have been Tumours that Sir Harold Wilson promised the Russians in 1975 that he would not sell Harriers to China. So what are the possible objections?

Firstly there is the Cocomprocedure by which a committee of the western alliance tries to decide what goods should not be sold to communist countries for security reasons. Probably the Harrier would scrape through in Chinese hands it would pose no discernible threat to the alliance. It incorporates some fairly advanced some fairly advanced techniques but they go little beyond the state of general knowledge shared by the Russians, who are working on a similar machine. There is a specific American interest in so far as McDonnell Douglas is involved in manufacturing the Harrier in the United States, though its version is somewhat different Security considerations must be taken seriously but they need not prove insurmountable.

The other main problem is political. The Russians have made it very clear that they dislike the whole idea intensely. Only a few days ago Moscow radio said that "erms sales to China could jeopardize both the process of international relaxation and the improving atmo-sphere of trust in Europe. It would display a short-sighted attitude and place a heavy responsibility on Britain if Britain were to take part in

sensible balance the top priority

at this rime must be to convince

the public that sufficiently rigo-

rous action is being taken against scrounging.
Is it? Mr Orme is satisfied

that the amount of undetected fraud is now under control and

is relatively small. It follows that

after the steep and progressive

rise in the level of prosecutions

for fraud in recent years he would be surprised if there were to be a further significant

Whether either of these assump-

tions is justified can be tested only by experience. It is notori-

ously difficult to be sure that such an offence as fraud, which

to be successful must be undetected, has indeed been brought under control. But in

the meantime the wise course would be to give a full chance to the present measures

without rushing to create new criminal offences—especially when a new offence against col-

lusive employers, the specific example to which the report refers, would be open to serious.

objections.
That still leaves the question

of abuse as distinct from fraud.

Here it is impossible to have the

same degree of confidence, particularly as it is even harder

to pick out individual cases because it is often a matter of

determining the disincentive effect of social security benefits. Much of the problem comes from the poverty trap which.

should be eased to some extent

by the introduction of child

benefits and the raising of tax

thresholds. At the very least they should relieve some of the sense of injustice that at the

STOPPING FRAUD AND CHECKING ABUSE

this but that Conservatives were produced what amounted to a

Perhaps the Russians did feel

they had some sort of assurance from Sir Harold Wilson but there is no publicly known reason why this should constrain the present Government. The question now is whether the possible damage to Anglo-Soviet relations would outweigh the advantages if weigh the advantages if the sale went through On present evidence it would not. The Harrier is a short-range and mainly defensive weapon which would pose no fundamental threat to Soviet security. Therefore Soviet complaints do not described. deserve any special consideration. They may be inconvient and troublesome but they do not derive from real interests which

the West needs to take into

account. They are not arguments of substance but noises designed

to avert a nuisance. There is every reason for the West to show a realistic respect for the vital interests of the Soviet Union but there is no reason why it should refrain from any action which causes the Soviet Union displeasure. Nato exists to defend the western alliance by maintaining a military balance with the Soviet Union. Its task is made easier if the Soviet Union is forced to show decent respect for the military strength of China. A British contribution to China's defensive capability is therefore also a contribution to "Nato, and a financially profitable

one as well. If the Chinese want the Harrier they should be encouraged to buy it provided modernizing China's armed the terms are right and provided forces to support the dangerous. western security interests are schemes of Peking's leaders." not impaired.

bottom end of the income scale

a man can earn so little if at all

more in work than on social

security.

It would also help to check abuses if the Supplementary

Benefits Commission's complex

system of discretionary payments were to be simplified. This breeds anomalies, especially as incre is no evidence that it is

applied uniformly between one

geographical area and another. It is also bound to favour the glib claimant. The difficulty is that,

while simplification might make

it possible to reduce staff, the savings in that direction could

not compensate for the general

increases in benefit that would

be necessary if some families were not to be badly hurt by phasing out discretionary pay-

A balance has to be struck

between the money to be saved

from eradicating fraud and abuse—and the wider benefits to society from doing so—and

the cost of safeguards. For that reason it is rather surprising that, although the new arrange-ments now in force are almost

certainly worth while, they have

apparently not as yet been costed. So far as the Supplemen-

tary Benefits Commission is concerned, the cost of stream-

lining benefits will have to be

assessed when the major

departmental review now under

way has been published next year. The decision will have to

be taken in the light of wider

economic conditions. But in

principle it would be a desirable

reform that should help to

strengthen public confidence in

the social security system.

ments.

industry? We seem stready able to afford all that is necessary to develop nuclear energy in one form or another; surely it can hardly be doubted that the appropriate place to spend the oil revenues is on the replacement sources (alternative energy sources including coal and its conversion to oil for chemicals as well as for fuel for transport). Yours faithfully.

P. M. C. LACRY.

P. M. C. LACEY, Department of Chemical Engineering.

Dr Schumacher's vision

defiance, of the laws of natural

crib, the carol and the Christman story. Medieval writers revelled in the paradox of "Eternity narrowed in a span".

The dangers of sentimentalizing lie in forgetting another side to the paradox—that the inarticulate Child is also the Cosmic Word, spoken to man in his wisdom, strength and competence as well as in his blindness, frustration and finitude. Schumacher's principle of "Adequatio" enunciated in his last book, A Guide for the Perplexed, is thoroughly relevant: "The understanding of the knower must be adequate to the knower must be adequate to the thing to be known."

We do an injustice to the pro-

found insights of Incarnation if we do not hold together the images we do not hold together the images of the Child in his weakness and the Cosmic Christ in his majestv. Evelyn Underhil's Immanence—"I come in the little things, Saith the Lord"—must be balanced by Alice Meynell's Christ in the universe—"Nor in our little day may his devices with the heavens be massed." It was part of Schuguessed. It was part of Schumacher's intensely Christian vision that he maintained the balance: his refusal to worship either smallness or size makes him a prophet to silence the sentimentalists and the debunkers. To read him again would make him an excellent preparation for Christmas. Yours sincerely,

Church Row, NW3.

Ping pong diplomacy

It is sad that a national exhibi-tion in the nation's capital to mark the end of a year of celebration and good will should involve this hint of discrimination. The site chosen superimposes an unnecessary handices on the disabilities of some citizens and removes a small but treasured element of their freedom of choice and movement. The words "wheelchairs" and "does" may disguise the cruelty of those who do not need wheelchairs or guide dogs but heighten it for those

who do.
I am told arrangements are being made for wheelchair-bound people to he carried up the steps to the exhibition on December 9 and 16, but to get this help they must give has a return match been played or prior notice and arrive between 9.30 and 10.15 am. Again with prior notice, arrangements can be made to care for a blind person's guide dog. These are voor solutions to an avoidable problem. They involve

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Crown Agents Police powers of search
Inquiry

From Professor John Rear

Well, declares, opinions will differ Councillors

INQUITY
From Mr David Howell, MP for Guildford (Conservative) Sir, The Eav Report on the Crown Agents is critical of the role played in the affair by the Exchequer and

in the affeat by the Exchequer and Audit Department under the Compiroller and Auditor General.

I have long held the view that the auditing functions of the state should be greatly strengthened, should be made more independent of the executive which they are intended to scrutinize, should be widened to permit deeper inquiries into the efficiency of programmes as they unfold, better organized to provide Parliament with up-to-date and comprehensive information, and made much more open to requests from Parliament and its Committees both for information and for specialist staff to be deand for specialist staff to be de-tacked to outside in Parliamentary investigations of various ex-

penditures.

It is interesting—and depressing—to note that while proposals of this kind have been persistently probable of this kind have been persistently probable of the Britain, the energent and far-sighted Comptroller General of the United States of America, Mr Elmer States, has built to the Constant Accounting Office. America, Mr Elmer Staats, has built in the General Accounting Office in Washington over the past 12 years very much on these lines.

Whatever else emerges from the further Crown Agents inquiry, let us hope that it at least gives ministers, civil servents and members of Parliament the determination to change the system by which a vast (much too vast) and coma vast (much too vast) and com-plex administrative machine is held piex administrative macrane is field to financial account. A Communiter and Auditor General drawn next time from outside the Civil Service, would be an excellent step in the new directions now required. Yours faithfully, DAVID HOWELL,

House of Commons.

Using the oil revenues

From Professor P. M. C. Lacey
Sir, Once again there is discussion about what to do with the oil
revenues; on the one hand it is
unged that they be invested in
industry? and on the other that
they can be used to alleviate
underpay to "the workers".

But can me for one moment underpay to "the workers".

But can we for one moment
contemplate using this transient
windfall for anything other than
relovestment in the energy
industry which has shortly to replace the oil, and to replace the
feedstocks to the chemical
industry? We seem sheady able
to afford all thet is necessary to

University of Exeter, North Park Road, Exeter,

From the Reverend Graham Dowell Sir, In your excellent editorial ("A Message Half Heard", December 1), you extolled Dr Fritz Schumacher's campaign against giantism and his search for an appropriate or "adequate" technology to deal with the problems of poverty, alienation and world shortages of food and non-renewable resources. You also pointed out that he was not opposed to size as such; only the pursuit of size for its own sake in defiance, of the laws of natural

defiance of the laws of natural harmony.

Is not this a profoundly Christian insight, ensurined in the very dectrine of Incarnation which has been under recent attack? As Dr Rowan Williams observes (December 3), the identification of God with man in his weakness and dependence is an "appropriate" response to the human condition, Hence the universal appeal of the crib, the carol and the Christmas story. Medieval writers revelled

GRAHAM DOWELL, Vicar, Hampstead Parish Church,

From Sir Leo Pliatzky From Sir Leo Pliatzky
Sir, After a liftetime of not writing letters to The Times, your diatist's account of my playing table tennis with Ian Baucroft at Sunningdale impels me to write to tell it how it was. A good deal of the report is authentic but, as in many behind the scenes stories of Whatehall events, the description of what acutally happened and who did what to whom is the opposite of what took place. Contrary to my prematch forecast and your diarist's ex post account, I did not win; nor has a return match been played or

Yours faithfully, LEO PLIATZKY, 27 River Court, Upper Ground, SE1.

"From Projessor John Real"
"Sir, On the same day that I read
your leader." Is a Bill of Rights any
good?" I read a report of the case
Jeffrey v. Black ([1977] 3. WLR
895) and it made me wonder who, if
such a Bill makes the judges the
protectors of our liberties, still protect us from the judges. Here is as
nice an example as you will find of

protectors of our liberties, will protect us from the judges. Here is as nice an example as you will find of the judiciary sanctioning unlawful actions by the police while pretending to condemn them.

The case concerned powers of search in the leading authority on the subject (Ghain v. Jones 1970] 1 OB 693) Lord Denning MR said quite plainly? "The common law does not permit police officers, or anyone else, to ransack anyone's house, or to search for papers or articles therein, or to search his person; simply to see if he may have committed some crime or other. If police officers should do so, they would be guilty of rrespass." He also said that where the police enter a man's house and arrest him "for a serious offence" they "are entitled to take any goods which they find in his possession or in his house which they reasonably believe to be material evidence in relation to the crime for which they enter." (My tradics.) In Jeffrey v Black, Black was arrested by two members of the police drug squad for offences of the police drug and for offences of the police drug squad for offences of the police drug and for offences of the police drug squad for offences police drug squad for offences of thefr of a sandwich from a public bouse and criminal damage to a police officer's uniform. He was taken to the police station and charged with theft. Before bailing bim the officers then informed Black that they intended to search his home. They went there, searched, found some cannabis and charged him under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. Black did not consent to the

The Divisional Court agreed with the magistrates that, applying the above principles, the search was unlawful and the officers trespassers. But the court went on to point out that it is firmly established that under English law the mere fact that under English law the mere fact that evidence is obtained in "an irregular fashion" does not itself prevent the evidence from being validly laid before a court. The magistrates could have exercised a discretion to exclude the evidence about the cannabis being found if the police had "been guilty of trickery or they [had] misled someone, or they [had] behaved in a manner which is morally reprehensible", but in the morally reprehensible", but in the view of the court the masterates would not have been justified in excluding the evidence in this case.

about what is oppressive or unfair police action, but it is interesting that the Eural Chief Justice himself had no Bliggions about what was really going on, since he said: "But it is perfectly clear that when they it is perfectly clear that when they sought to enter his premises they were not for the least bit concerned about the sandwich. Their concern twas something quite different, namely whether they would find drugs on the premises."

To me that is oppressive conduct indeed it seeks an obvious example of the cyaical abuse of power. You may starth the judgments in vain

of the cycles abuse of power. You may search the judgments in vain however for any word of reproof concerning this abuse.

Of course the defendant has a theoretical night to sue the police far damages for trespass, but that is generally academic fantasy. By this kind of decision the courts are directly encouraging the police to abuse their powers on the basis that if they find something then success will in practice, even if not in legal theory, justify their action. Perhaps few readers will have sympathy for Mr Black because he apparently did possess drugs, but they should consider the wider implications for those who are in fact innocent.

I am well aware that it is not only

I am well aware that it is not only by the Sweeney and Starsky and Butch that the search and seizure Butch that the search and seizure rules are regularly violated. Nor have I any desire to comfort law evaders or render law enforcement inefficient. But it is necessary to deter unlawful police conduct and to secure the integrity of the judicial process by not baving that process appear to sanction official lawlessness by allowing evidence to be used notwithstanding the manner of its seizure. A blanket of its seizure. A blanker exclusionary rule along the lines of exchisionary rule along the lines of the American Supreme Court deci-sion in Ohio v Mapp would work injustice in a different way, but far-from the discretion to exclude being exercised "very exceptionally", as the Lord Chief Justice averred, I suggest that it should be exercised in all cases except where the unlaw fulness of the seizure was rechaird fulness of the seizure was rechnical and/or the offence disclosed by the

seizure was really serious.

In Jeffrey v Black the court upheld an important right with one bend and rendered it worthless with the other. Yours faithfully, JOHN REAR, Professor of Law, Brunel University, Uxbridge, Middlesex. December 1.

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JEREMY MITCHELL. Director.

of State that "allegations of intimi-

of State that "allegations of minimidation had been investigated and found untrue" is not consistent with my own experience of one occasion earlier this year when armed uniformed members of the Chanaian Army entered the Medi-

National Consumer Council, 18 Queen Anne's Gate, SWL

December 6.

Yours.

Fuel disconnexions From the Director of the National

Sir, You report (December 3) that the gas and electricity industries have rejected evidence sent to Mr Tony Benn by the National Consumer Council on cases where the industries code of practice on discoveragings. connexions has apparently been contravened. These were cases where consumers in stratemed electricity cut off for non-payment of bills, without the prior investiga-tion into their circumstances by the fuel boards which the code requires. fuel boards which the code requires.
According to your report, the gas
and electricity industries have
denied that the code has been contravened and have suggested that
the "rue position" is completely
different from the picture presented
by "incomplete histories" such as
those quoted by the NCC.

If your report is correct, this is a very rash claim indeed. Our reputable sources of information included citisens advice bureaux

Human rights in Ghana

From Dr Barry Wyke Sir, The many friends of Ghana in this country, particularly in academic circles, will welcome your publication of Mr Ketnneth Mac-Kenzie's article on the above topic in your issue of December 5: for in spite of the frequent cultural, scientific and commercial exchanges between this country and Ghana, and of the many Ghanaian students being taught in United Kingdom in-stitutions, it is all too rarely that factual accounts of the social and political stresses that now afflict Ghana appear in the British press.

Having several times in the past two years had the privilege of serv-ing as a visiting Professor and external examiner in the University of Ghana, I can testify to the considerable pressure to which members of the learned professions (and of the medical profession in particular) have been subject by the Supreme Military Council. Admittedly, some of it may have been provoked by the activities of certain members of those professions and their students, but readers of Mr MacKenzie's article may not appreciate the full extent of the prolonged intimidation to which professional (as well as other) people have been exposed. In particular, the statement attributed in the article to the Head ternal examiner in the University

cal School campus at night and assaulted some of my students living there, and of another when an armed Army patrol landed by hellcopter in the grounds of Korle-Bu Hospital and assaulted several of the personnel there—including two lady anaesthetists, one of whom was a anaesthetists, one of whom was a former student of mine. In addition, several of my Ghanzian students have reported to me that numbers of less prominent members of the community (including some of their relatives) have "disappeared" and that their current fate remains unknown: predless to, say, no formal charges have ever been preferred against them nor have they been brought to trial, even after many months. For those reasons, then, members of the academic and professional communities in Ghana deserve all the moral and practical support that their British colleagues can provide.

I am. Sir. vonr obedient servant, BARRY WYKE. Director of the Neurological Unit, Royal College of Surgeons of England. 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2.

Access for the disabled From Mr Peter Large Sir, Your headline: "The Queen's

jubilee year gifts on show to public" (November 30), suggests that the exhibition is freely open to

everyone. This it not so as the notice for the exhibition explains:

"Wheelchairs, prams, pushchairs

and dogs regretfully not admitted."

disabled people and others in extra work and merely accentuate the disabilities of those who cannot work or see by making them unneres-sarily dependent on others. The exhibition could and should have been held where disabled people could enter with no more let or hindrance than their non-disabled fellow citizens. Yours sincerely, PETER LARGE, Chairman. Silver Jubilee Committee on Improving Access for Di⇔bled People, Surrey.

December 5.

Mr Sadat's mission

Surrey.

From Mr John Nash Sir, I don't know what church Mr Cruickshank attended last Sunday week. At the one I attended, prayers were offered for the success of Mr Sadar's mission. I feel sure that these were echoed in many other places of worship, Christian and others. Yours faithfully, JOHN NASH, . 113 Onslow Gardens, Wallington,

and the second

From Mr Trevor Jones
Sir, The job of the councillor has become more and more impossible over recent years. As their numbers, have been reduced so the bureaucracy has increased; producare responsible and more and more which they are supposed to control. In this situation it is not surprising if the average councillor is not per-forming as well as could be ex-pected or even as well as he would like.

Action is required to enable him to do better; and part of what is required is quite simply more money. Money to defray increasing expenses incurred on stationery, telephones, stamps, visits to local organizations, perrol and other incidentals; money to recompense people for the loss of their leisure time, and the inroads made on their familia lines. family lives; money to finance the purchase of books and periodicals; money to enable the part time councillor to cope with the activi-ties of full time officials and a more

ties of full time officials and a more than full time electorate.

That is why the report of the Robinson Committee on the remuneration of Councillors needs support, and not the smug dismissal which you gave it in your leader today (December 2). All right, so it is possible to criticize the Committee's recommendation: and you do. It is equally possible to slate the existing arrangements: and you existing arrangements: and you also do that. But somebody, somewhere has to produce suggestions which are both workable, and acceptable to most of those concerned. And you don't even bother to attempt to do that. Responsible newspapers attempt to find solutions to problems, irresponsible ones content themselves with finding problems to solutions. How sad to find The Times in this latter

Category.
You should realize that failure to produce more money for councillors will merely mean that before many more years have passed democratic control of local government will be a complete fiction. If that's what you want so be it. It's not what I want.

Want.
Yours faithfully,
TREVOR JONES,
National Chairman,
Association of Liberal Councillors, Syward Cottage, Syward Road, Dorchester, Dorset.

Teaching handwriting

From Mr Roderick Thomson Sir, Copperplate—the very word is non-calligraphic, yet Nicolete Grey (December 2) seems to suggest in her article on handwriting in schools that a return to this archaic trials would be welcome. The and consumer advice centres. Their evidence will stand up to further investigation.

Nowhere in our evidence did we suggest that the cases reported were necessarily typical of the nation as a whole; indeed, we were at some pains to point out that we had not carrier out a full national survey.

It is for the boards to investigate more fully and decide whether these cases are an unfortunate minority—or just the tip of the icebers, Whether typical or not, the fact that style would be welcome. The smooth manipulation of burin through copper is one thing; writing with a pen on paper is

quite another.

The excellence of mid and late nineteenth century pen work is surely a myth. If one looks at, say, eugrossed documents and family letters of those eras, one finds many Whether typical or not, the fact that they occur should be a matter of concern to us all. It is, after all, no comfort to a lone mother of three, with two children prone to bronchitis, and one aged only two, living in an icy house in which the electricity has been cut off (because the board did not realise that her bills were being paid by the Social Security office), to know that she is in a minority. cases of really debased copperplate forms and, in general, cramped, congested hands. The deterioration in clarity has slowly continued ince the accession of Queen Victoria, abared at times by a few writing-masters, and the schools-based movements of Marion Richardson, and the Italic Handwriting Society.

Obsessive bullying of primary school children by copperplate portisans over "iolned-up" writing life, an all-through cursive style) has

(i.e. an all-through cursive style) has the an all-brough cursive style has been one of the worst aspects of the teaching of handwriting in Britain—and it's still going on. Convolution and debasement of what are, at heart, engravers forms, have been the chief result.

May London children be spared

any pursuit by ILEA staff inspectors and teachers of Nicolete Grey's ideas on copperplate I Keep faith with Marion Richardson and her later and even more liberal dis-ciples. She believed in teaching. and they now teach, clear, fluent writing with simple, s'rong and realistic letter forms and digraphs. A rigid imposition of a certain "style" is the enemy of a fair script. Yours faithfully. RODERICK THOMSON Army & Navy Club, Pall Mall, SW1

Disapproving of chess From Mr Ian K. Maconochie

Sir, I read with surprise Bernard Levin's statement in his article on these (November 21) that "it has never incurred ecclesiastical displeasure", as not long before the end of the sixteenth century, Muslims, Roman Catholics, Jewish and Anglican religious had at one and Anglican religions had at one time or other forbidden the playing

of the game.

Muslims have a reference to chess as being a form of idol worship in the Koran, though after the prophet Mohammed's death, the decision was altered on condition that no exchange of money or that no exchange of money or improper language took place. Think of the situation of chess today if this were generally imple-

Various ecclesiastical decrees, for example, those by the Worcester Synod in 1240, and in France by the Provincial Council of Beziers in 1255 were made after an argument between the Bishop of Octia and the Bishop of Florence ended, with

the result that the Bishop of Florence did penance for trans-gressing the Canon Law. Knights Templar up until the fifteenth century were forbidden to play chess, and from the rules of Apostolic Canon, at 1110 a monk in

the Eastern Church wrote that the penalty for playing was excommunication! So if chess be the eighth deadliest sin. I stand condemned !

Yours faithfully, JAN K. MACONOCHIE. 97 Westgate Bay Avenue, Westgate-on-Sea, Kent.

From Mr A. Henner Sir, I asked a rabbi (himself a keen? player) whether it was sinful to play chess on the Sabbath. He said that the way I played it was a sin to play any day of the week! Yours faithfully,

A. HEPNER, Hendon Chess Club, 7 Sunningfields Road, NW4

enending on education

From Mr A. J. L. Barnes Sir, I am writing as Cheirman of an Education Committee which most certainly has not underspent, to say that I think it is about time. of the educational euphoria chout the Rate Support Grant retriement was dissinated. I have in mind both the Department of Education and Science press release and the ecstatic comments from the National Association of Schoolmasters spokesman.

It is about time that central Government looked not only at the slobal total of the sertlement but at the effects of its distribution, and Mrs Williams would do well to stop talking in public as if she is not awave of the real struction (which of course she is). She must be well aware that more on education means less elsewhere and must also realize that more in el where in the country. Let me spell out the position as

at present it looks as if it might turn out in Kent, particularly if we are responsible and adhere to government zuidelines. First let me sitess that we have lost grant as that Kent County Council in terms of 1977 prices has lost over £25 millions to date and may lose as much as another £8 millions this year. For education this has meant well over £6 millions cut (1977 prices) so far and at government suideline level we seem to face further cuts in 1978-79 which may ell amount to nearly £3.5 millions. One can hardly restore past cuts when facing new cuts, much less

May I add, finally, since for may I add. finally, since for all this totalled—if volunteers were prious reasons it seems hardly to conderstood, that growth in terms of a government guideline can survey was taken I) and if cost of survey was taken I) and if cost of hours worked by volunteers was taken I) and if cost of hours worked by volunteers was required at just 5p per mile coeurs. Swell coeurs worked by volunteers were coeurs. obvious reasons it seems hardly to of a government guideline can of a government suideline can actually mean a real cut on the ground, since increments, growth

of past capital spending to accom-modate extra numbers, all rank as growth. One wonders at times whether this is fully appreciated by central Government or even by the Department of Education and

Yourth faithfully, JOHN BARNES, Chairman, Education Committee, Kent County Council, Springfield, Maidstone, December 1.

From the Rt Reverend F. W. Cocks Sir, I have read with much interest your reports and leading article on the Wolfenden Report on the future of voluntary organizations (November 23) and the estimate of the value in hours and also in financial terms of voluntary and social service effort undertaken each year in this

We can corroborate these points from a small pilot survey which the Community Council of Shropshire undertook amongst some of the main voluntary organizations in the county two years ago. These organizations gave details of the kind of voluntary service they undertook. the estimated number of hours which this represented in the year and the cost sustained by the volunteers. This covered, for instance, their taking people in their own cars in the course of voluntary social and community work activities and the cost which the volunteers involved had borne themselves.

We were amazed to realize that all this totalled-if volunteers were

rural county such as Shropshire with a population of only 350,000. We are glad that the authorities in Shropshire welcome voluntary effort and appreciate its value to the county as a whole and we feel that these figures show that voluntary organizations and individual volunteers can truly consider themselves as equal partners with the statutory authorities in seeking to meet a great variety of human need.

Voluntary effort

country.

Yours faithfully. FRANCIS SHREWSBURY. Bishop, Chairman Community Council of Shropshire. 1 College Hill, Shrewsbury.

Arts Council grants

From Mr Ian Hunter Sir, I would like to endorse most strongly Lord Goodman's appeal to the Government to give advance in-formation to the Arts Council of the annual grant it is to receive.

Being involved with several organizations, I know that many

directors of artistic enterprises are put into an intorelable position when they have to use their reputawhen they have to use their reputations to ask orchestras, soloists and
theatrical; companies to hold their
services in trust for an event which
is sustained by faith and hone.
Over many years things have usually
worked out but, as I write, my colleagues and I are chancing our arms
with many triends who, in turn,
aretaking the same risk. One day
there could be a horrible reckoning if the present practice is continue. The nation's cultural
retaination is contently at stake. continue. The nation's contents at stake, regulation is constantly at stake. Let Lord Goodman's "cri de coeur" swell into a "chorale de

Yours faithfully, 134 Wigmore Street, W1.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 7: The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Twelfth Man, this morning at Buckingnam Palace presented the Lord's Tavradace presented the Lord's lav-erners Schweppes County Cham-pionsing Trophy to the Middlesex County Cricket Club and the Kent County Cricket Club.

His Royal Highness, Ronorary Member of the Tiger Club, later presided over the panel of judges for the Club's "Dawn to Dust" Endurance Competition.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, attended the Variety Club Luncheon at the Carlton Tower Hotel.

This afternoon, His Royal Highness. Patron, visited the Ranfurly Library Service Limited at Kensington.

The Duke, of Edinburgh this evening attended the Royal Com-guission for the Exhibition of 1851 Buffet Supper at 170 Queen's Gate. Lord Rupert Nevill was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, President, presided at a meeting of The Prince's Trust at Euckingham Palace and later cotertained the members of the Regional Com-mittees at luncheon. His Royal Highness this evening attended the Ends of the Earth Club Dinner at Claridges Hotel, Brook Street.

Birthdays today The Earl of Ancaster, 70; Lord Diplock, 70; Mr Mourice Green, 71; Sir Joseph Molony, QC, 70; Sir Arthur Rymill, 70; Sir John Storrar, 85.

Christening

The Infant daughter of Mr Peter Emery, MP and Mrs Emery (nee Monnington) was christened Kate Annette Tarila by the Bishop of Eveter in the Crypt Chapel of the Palace of Westminster yesterday. The godparents are Mr George Thomas, MP, Mr C. J. Guise, Mrs Tom. Boardman, and Mrs Lawson Richards.

Memorial service

The Hon Mrs R. Coke Mr Harold Macmilton, OM, arren-Mr Harold Macmillan, OM, attended a memorial service for the Hon Mrs Reginald Coke, which was tield to the chapel of St George's hoppital on Tuesday. The Rev Ian Alasworth-Smith officiated. Mr Charles Cator (grandson) read the tesson, and hir A. H. M. Siddons gave an entires.

CLARENCE HOUSE : Queen Elizabeth The ueen Mother this morning at Earl's Court.
The Lady Jean Rankin and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE
December 7: The Princess
Margaret, Countess of Snowdon
this evening attended the Silver
Jubilce British-American Ball at

Grosvenor House.
The Lady Anne Tenant was in

attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 7: The Duke of Gloucuster presented awards to the winners of the Tom Nevard Mamorial Competition for Ministry of Defence Apprentices in Concourse Hall, Main Building, Whitehall, and afterwards was entertained to luncheon by Sir Frank Cooper, Permanent Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Defence.

Defence. Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in actendance,

was in attendance,
YORK HOUSE
December 7: The Duke of Kent,
Vice-Chairman of the British
Overseas Trade Board, today
visited the factories of Robertsons
Food International Limited at
Droyleden, TBA Industrial Products Limited, Rochdale, and
Guillick-Dobson Limited at Wigan,
during his Export Year wisit to during his Export Year visit to the North-West. His Royal Highness, who travelied in an sireraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Lieutenant-Commander Richard

Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN.
The Duchess of Kent. Honorary Colonel of the Yorkshire Volun-reers, this morning received Lieutenant-Colonel R. M. Weare on relinquishing command of the lst Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel C. W. Ivey on assuming

Mrs David Bowes-Lyon gave birth to a daughter in London on Tues-day. Desember 6.

Mrs Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Junior, has given birth to a son in New York. Today's engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attend concert by London Philitarmonic Orchestra, Festival Hall, 7.50.

The Prioce of Wales, as Chairman, Queen's Silver Jubilee Trust, addresses voluntary youth and olbor organizations, Cavendria Conference Centre, 28 Duchess Mews, Portland Place, 11.30; as President, visits offices of Council for National Academic Awards, 344 Gray's Inn Road, 2.30.

Z.SU. Queen Elimbeth the Queen Mother, Chancellor of London University, opens new buildings of Institute of Education and names Logan Hali, Bedford Way, Bioomsbury, S.15. Princess Margaret, as President.
Victoria League, visits students'
hostel, Leaster Square, Bayswater, 6.

water, 6.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, attends Royal Agricultural Society's Council Meeting, Beigrave Square, 10.55.

The Duchess of Kent, Comroller Commandant, WRAC, attends commissioning ceremony, WRAC College, Camberley, 10.25.



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Forthcoming. marriages

Mr J. D. V. Seth-Smith and the Hon M. B. J. McGowan The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Commander D. K. Seth-Smith and of Mrs Seth-Smith, and Moana, eldest daughter of the late Lord McGowan and the Dowager Lady McGowan

Mr A. R. K. Bagnall and Miss M. D. Laurie

and Miss M. D. Laurie
The engagement is announced
between Austair Robert Kynoch
Bagnell, Grenadler Guards, eldest
son of the late Rey Peter Bagnell
and Mrs Alison Bagnell, of
Dromathol, Southwick, by Durifries, and Marian Doone, only
daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert
Laurie, of Heatleys, Ingrave,
Essex.

Mr W. J. Baker
and Miss H. K. Callens
The engagement is announced
between William, son of Mr and
Mrs Charles V. Baker, of Rickmansworth, and Helen, daughter
of Mr and Mrs W. B. Cullens,
of Christchurch, New Zealand.

Big M. V. Cooper and Miss L. D. Jameson
The engagement is announced between Michael Vincent, eldest son of Lieutenam-Colonel and Mrs. J. V. C. Cooper, of Glan. Dwr., Glyn. Garth, Anglessy, and Laurian Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs. D. M. Jameson, of Starfold, Loxwood, Sussex.

Mr R. P. E. Barwall Smith and Miss L. E. Rade
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr. R. F. H. Darwall Smith and the late Mrs J. B. Darwall Smith and stepson of Mrs Margaret Darwall Smith, of Seaford, Sussex, and Lucy Ellen, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. F. Rade, of Southease, Sussex.

Mr G. R. Donaldson and Miss B. G. Brocklebank
The engagement is announced between Gordon Richard, second son of Mr and Mrs R. Donaldson, of Ebury Mews, Belgravia, SWI, and Bridget Gillian, younger daughter of Lientenant-Colonel and Mrs G. R. Brocklebank, of Brunhill, Calne, Wiltshire.

Mr D. F. Heathcoat-Amory and Miss L. M. L. Adams
The engagement is announced between David, son of Brigadier and Mrs R. Heathcoat-Amory, of Oswaldick Heil, York, and Linda Margaret Legh, younger daughter of Mrs P. Adams and stepdanghost of Mrs P. Adams, of The Old Rectory, Winchfield, Hampshire.

Mr J. B. Hopwood
and Miss L. C. Jescop
The engagement is amounced
between John, son of Dr and Mrs
B. E. C. Hopwood, of 53 Montage
Square, London, Wi, and Lyan,
daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Jessop,
of Woodside, St Michael's, Tenterden, Kent.

Mr P. Lewne and Miss P. J. Cockshutt and Miss F. J. Cockagunt
The engagement is amounced
between Peter, only son of Mr and
Mrs C. G. Lawne, of 138 Woodcoce Rosed, Caversham, Reading,
and Penelope Joan Cockstust, of
37 Langham Gardens, Esling, Ws,
youngest daughter of Mr Denis,
Cockahurt and Mrs W. E. K.

The engagement is ambatests between Leslie, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. R. Rowlands, of Richardson's Line, Paimerson North, and Eleanor (Kiwi), daughter of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs John Willis, Satis RD, Wangamui, New Zealand.

Major M. G. Watson and Miss B. H. Russell and Miss S. H. Russell
The engagement is amounced
between Michael Watson, Royal
Ardliery, son of Major and Mrs
J. H. Watson, of Stoneygare, Leicestar, and Bridget, daughter of
Mr and Mrs J. S. Russell, of
Houghton-on-the-Hill, Leicester-

25 years ago

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From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Dec 7,—The State
Department yesterday announced
that American companies can try
to buy Persian oil if they with,
but only at the grave risk of
legal action by the Anglo-Iranian
Oil Company. The announcement
emphasized, however, that any
decision by a United States firm
to buy and collect Persian oil
must be made in the face of the
probable attachment of the oil
as soon as it touched any port,
and that the United States would
take no part in the defence of
the American buyer. A State Department spokesman described
this statement as the first official
pronouncement on the United
States attitude to the British ban
on foreign purchase of Persian
oil; officials denied that the
statement was intended to imply
any change in the American attitude of discouragement to American firms considering trying to
buy Persian oil. There can be
little doubt, however, that in the
past the State Department has
actively discouraged such prospective transactions when their advice
has been sought, and that yesterday's statement will be taken by
prospective traders as marking
the end of this positive attitude of
discouragement. From Our Own Correspondent

The Loutherbourg painting of the battle of the Glorious First of June, recently restored, is in the new galleries of the National Maritime Museum.

cluding his vice-admiral's undress cost showing the fatal short hole, and a corner of the drawing room at Merston, with furniture and possessions of Nelson and Lady Hamilton.

One new gallery looks at the French Revolution from a nautical angle; another tells the story of the American colonies from origin to independence.

The new galleries are the penultimate stage of the large redevelopment programme started 10 years ago by Mr Basil Greenhill, director of the museum. It will be completed next autumn, when the galleries of the new ground floor of the west wing are opened. The great repository of Britain's maritime history will then be comprehensivey and rationally reorganized.

The seventeenth century and earlier will be recorded in the Queen's House; the eighneouth contury and the unextenth to Trafalgar in the west wing; the nineteenth and twentieth centuries in the east wing and New Nephune Hall, and the history of astronomy and the unexsurement of time in the Old Royal Observatory.

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New shrines for Cook and Nelson

By Philip Howard

A new floor of galleries will be opened to the public today in the west wing of the National Martine Museum, Greenwich. The extra space has been found in the very high ceilings in the old building.

building.

The new floor doubles the display space in the wing and is used to illustrate the story of seafaring from the middle of the eighteenth century until 1215. That was the period during which Britannia ruled the waves, and the memorials of the ships and salors home from the sea are among the finest in the museum's possession.

ion.

In particular the new galleries for ma mational shripe to Cook and Nelson. Their set pieces include the reconstruction of the gundeck of a ship of the late eighteenth century, a display of Nelson's shipboard furniture, in-

Luncheons

The main purpose of the reconstruction has been to improve the quality and range of the displays.

Admiralty Board Admiralty Board of The Admiralty Board emertained the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Right Rev J. R. Gray, at inscheon at Admiralty House on Tuesday. The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Royal Navy, Mr Patrick Duffy, presided, and among those present were:

Royal Humane Society The Chairman of

The Chairman of the Royal Humans Society, Mr R. T. Bawes, gave a luncheon at Haberdaniers' Hall yesterday to decide on the recommendation for the award of the 1977 Stantope Gold Medal. Among those present were:

The High Commissioner for New Zeeland. the Donard High Commissioner for Australia. Mr R. R. Noyus-Roberts (Canada): the Hom E. L. Baillieu, Lady Dunaldson, Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Comment. Miss Mona Mittrell, Lieutenani-Colonal R. W. C'Charlton, De R. C. Baillieu, Lady Dunaldson, Commissioner Comment. Miss Mona Mittrell, Lieutenani-Colonal R. W. C'Charlton, De R. C. B. Caran, Mr R. K. Loyd, Caustin J. G. Gilson, the Chief Company of the Commission of Devos and Cornwall. Mr J. Sylven and Mr J. H. Landallier. GLC

Rotary Club of London Rotary Crain or London was guest of honour at the Rotary Club of London's Wednesday luncheon, held at the Cafe Royal yesterday, Mr Bernard Downham, president, was in the chair.

Reception "

Women's Corona Society Women's Corona Society held a reception for members and friends at Mariburough House yesterday evening. Guests were received by the president, Baroness Vickers, the deputy president, Lady Grey of Naunton, and the chairman, Mrs Brinn Walsh Arbine. Among those present were: Wiscoust Boyd of Merton, Land Goroney-Roberts, Minister of State, Perceion and Commonweath Office, and Mr P. S. Presion. Perminent Secretary, Minister of Overseas Development, and Mrs Preston.

Service dinner Leicestershire and Derbyshire

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The annual dinner of officers of the Leicestershire and Derbyshire (Prince Albert's Own) Yeomamy took place at the Cavalry and Guards Club vesterday evening Lieutenant-Colonel P. T. S. Bowlby

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Dimeers

The Speaker gave a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday even-ing in honour of Senhor Fran-cisco Accioly and other members of a parliamentary delegation from Brazil. The Ambessador of Brazil was present and others

The Astor/Goodman dinner was given at Lincoln's Inn last night by Mr Robert O. Anderson. The speakers were Mr Anderson, Mr Denis Healey, MP, Mr Harold Macmillan, OM, FRS, and Lord Goodman. The other guests were:

Bads of the Earth Club

The Prince of Wales was the guest of honour at a dineer held by the Ruds of the Earth Club at Claridge's hotel yesterday. Sir Frank Roberts was in the chair.

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, attended the annual duner of the City Livery Clubheld by the president, Mr W. Anthony Charke, and the officers and council of the club at Guldhall yesterday evening. The guests included:

Later Cook releuted, and reported that he had never eatem sweeter meat, and that South Sea dog way ment to English lemb in excellency. Not surprisingly, the breed has died out. Nobody knew what the South Sea dog looked like, until the National Maritims Museum reorganized its west wing. A painting by William Hodges of the Resolution and Adventure moored in Makavai Bay off the coast of Tahiti was selected and cleaned in the foreground a mixed group of Tahitian craft are going about their daily business. And there, on the stern of a twin-builed vessel, Bodges has painted a small, dark-coloured dog, never before remarked, but clearly the true, edible South Sea dog. Latest appointments



Or Jeremy Gerhard (above) has been appointed Deputy Master been appointed Deputy Master of the Royal Mint, in succession to Mr J. R. Christie, who retires

Other appointments include: Mr Ron Smith to be a part-time member of the British Transport Docks Board, replacing Mr G. H. Lowthan, who leaves the board at the end of the year. at the end of the year.

Mr John Rolfe to be group director (leather and textile products) of Remploy from jamuary 1.

January 1.

Mr Denis Carr, education producer for BBC Radio Merseyside, to be the new education officer for the School Broadcasting Council in Yorkshire. Mr R. A. C. Meredith, Headmas-ter of Giggleswick school, to be Headmaster of Monckton Combe

School, in succession to Mr R. J. Knights.

Legal

Mr Hugh D. H. Jones to be joint county court registrar and district registrar of the High Court at Cardid. Mr Registrar Wood will be transferred to the Bournemouth group in succession to Mr Registrar Broughton, who has retired. Mr P. M. Fairchough to be Registrar of Wilesden County Court on the transfer of Mr J. D. Smee to be joint registrar in the Wasford Mrs H. M. Grindrod to be prose-

cuting counsel to the Department of Health and Social Security on the Northern Circuit.

University news

Oxford Awards and elections

Awards and elections

P. G. H. Saunders, MA. UPAHL, reader
in physics, to be praisesor of experimental obysics in Succession to SiDenys Williamon, now vice-chancelist
of Sussex University.

I. S. Marwell, BA. (Lond), Wolfson
College, to be assistant towner, eastern
arta, Ashmoissan Museum.

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Cullege.

MERTON COLLEGE. Exhibition: C. B.

Bright College. College. Bright (commoner), formerly of Northead GS. Ipswich; postures evalua-L. S. Partridge (commoner), formerly of Taumion S. The Medical Research Council has made a prant to the university of £41.186, ever three years for an analysis of immunisuppression and hermotological industry induced by treatment of child-hood featheads.

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D: J. A. McVille, RSC. Visiting followships, this F: Professor P. Arens

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Voung (Michaelmas, 1977).

Latest wills

Lagest estates include (net, before mx ; tax not disclosed) : Beynon, Mr William, of Blooms-bury £100,542 Cambridge, Mr Percivel Clifford, of Eastbourne £131,809 Dockriff, Mr Joseph George Plint,

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR RUDOLF KOMPFNER Major work in physics and

engineering and physics, who died at Stanford on December 3 was born in 1909 in Vienne, where he trained as an archi-tect at the Technische Hochschule. He came to England in 1934 and practised until 1941 when he was briefly interned as an alien. On his release he joined the Admiralty group at Birmingham to work on micro-wave radar and there he made his first major invention, the travelling wave tube, still the most important microwave amplifier and the precursor of whole families of microwave devices in the years that fol-

In 1944 he moved to the

Clarendon Laboratory at Oxford, where he took a D Phil and in 1951 he joined Bell Tele-phone Laboratories, New Jer-However, during the upheaval new discoveries were made to enrich the treasury of scholarship. For example, the delicious South Sea dog has at law been identified. Travellers to the Pacific in the eighteenth century reported with horror or amusement that the natives kept a special bread of dog solely for esting.

On their first voyage Queen Pures offered Captain Cook and his companions a dog to est, and was very surprised when the Englishman declined to accept it. Later Cook releured, and reported that he had never eaten sweeter sey. There he continued to pour out new ideas and his unique powers of scientific leadership came to fruition as he assemble. bled eround him a remarkable team of scientists whose achievements included the first communication satellites, much of the early work on lasers and major discoveries in radio astronomy. In 1973 he began a new career as a professor of engineering, sharing his time equally between Oxford and Stanford universities. In both places he inspired new work on his novel ideas for optical and econstite microscopy, but the his novel ideas for optical and acoustic unicroscopy, but the stimulus of his presence extended for beyond his own research groups, for he combined, in a remarkable way, the enthusiasm of youth with the judgement of his mature years. At Oxford, and this gave him great pleasure, he was a fellow of All Souls from 1973-6, when the burden

engineering Professor Rudolf Kompiner, of taxation made it impossible a leading figure in electrical for him to spend more than a few months a year in England; nevertheless he still managed to enliven the intellectual life of

Oxford.

He was a fellow of the Physical Society (1949), the Institute of Radio Engineers (1950), and a member of the National Academies of both Engineering (1966) and Science (1968) in Washington, on whose commit washington, on whose contract trees he gave distinguished service. His old universities at Vienna (1965) and Oxford (1969) made him an honorary Doctor of Science, and in Washington (1976) he received the President's Award for Achieve-President's Award for Actives, ment in Science. Among his other awards were the Duddell Medal of The Physical Society (1955), the Sarnoff Medal of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers (1960) and the Ballantine Medal of the Franklin Institute (1960). This must surely be a remarkable record for someone who had no formal training in science and indeed did not embark on a scientific career until he was well into his thirties.

His death robs physics and engineering of a creative and

His death robs physics and engineering of a creative and original thinker still, despine his years, at the height of his powers. He was a man of perfect integrity, great charm and boundless generosity, whose loss will be felt as a personal blow by his friends and colleagues all over the world, many of whom did their first significant work under his inspired leadership.

He leaves behind him a wife whose steadfast support and confidence sustained him throughout his career, especially in the difficult early years.

ally in the difficult early years of the war, and a son and a

RAHSAAN ROLAND KIRK

concert in America, at the age of 41, was undoubtedly the most amazing multi-instrumentalist in the history of jazz. Roland Kirk (the Rahsan was added later under Modem

influence) was born in 1936, a native of Columbus, Ohio. He event blind at the age of two, and was sent to study at the Ohio State School for the Blind, where he learnt to play several members of the reed family. By the age of 15 he had already turned professional and then spent some years learning then spent some years learning the saxophonist's trade in tour-ing rhythm-and-blues bands, beore developing more unusual

chaiques. The idea of playing more then one instrument at the same time (which was to be his trade mark, though never his gimmick), came to him, he claimed, in a dream. Similar lucky accidents led to his discovery of the manzello and strick, two unfamiliar cousins of the arrophose. the saxophone, for which he devised one-banded and crossbanded fingering so that, by blowing the manzello, strick and tenor saxopnone simultan-eously, he could play in har-mony or unison with himself.

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hevitably, some critics dismissed his playing as gimmickey, but his fellow musicians
and the public did not make the same mistake; after Charlie Mingus had featured him in his Mingus had reatured mm in mis group in the early 1960s, Kirk was able to lead his own band from then until his death. He toured extensively, and often appeared in England; even after a stroke in 1975, which partially paralysed him, he devised new techniques to allow him to an

paraysed mm, he devised new techniques to allow him to go on playing.

Quite apart from learning to play three instruments at once (and from being a highly talented soloist on one instru-

Rehearn Roland Kirk, who ment at a time) Kirk developed died on December 5 after a many other techniques. He ment at a time) Kirk developed many other techniques. He played flute very well. He hummed and played flute simultaneously. He lowest circular breathing, enabling him to blow complex solor endiessly without a break. He learn to play the flute and nose flute simultaneously (Ronnia, Scott once tried to spread a rizmour that Kirk had mastered the eerflute). He even picked up the clarinet and played it in a mock-Dixieland style.

Dixieland style.

And the whole point of all these oddities was that Kirk used them, not as freakish feature. but as musical trump cards. His three handed horn playing enabled him to be his own saxo. enabled him to be his own saxophone section—stating themes,
accompanying his own solors,
backing other people, and so
on. His endless blowing could
build up intensa excitement.
And his humming while playing
the flute produced a savage
unison sound which turned the
flute for the first time, as a
lies interpretation. jazz instrument, from a demure performer into an uninhibited, outspoken Blues shouter, and shaped all the flaurists who have mushroomed in popular music

since.

The saddest thing to have to say in an obituary is that on record his music was more subject to evaporation than that of almost anyone else. The notes the excitement, the greathumour, and the warmth of the man. To see and hear him in person was unique; as he stood with instruments dangling from with instruments dangling from his neck like a carefully organized Christmas tree, conjuring impossibly with his armoury, swapping hands in mid-phrase, blowing passionately, or tenderly, whooping smiling, talking in mid-flow, he could dominate a room full of listeners by sheer character, let alone musical talent. alone musical talent.

LADY ZIA WERNHER

Lady Zie Wernher, CBE, widow of Sir Harold Wernher Bt, died on December 7. She was born the Counters and by Mr Jack Gosden at Lewes, It was in 1927 that the former purchassed on her behålt a yearling filly named Double-Life, who was to become the foundation mare at her behålt and Counters of Torby and she married Major Harold Wernher, as he then was, at the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace in 1917. At the couple's home in Luton Hob where a splendid collection was assembled many European royal figures were Bt, died on December 7. She Bt, died on December 7. She was burn the Courtess Anastasia ("Zia") de Torby, elder daughter of the Grand Duke Michael of Russia and Countess de Torby and she married Major Harold Wernher, as he then was, at the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace in 1917. At the couple's home in Luton Hoo where a splendid collection was assembled many European royal figures were European royal figures were entersized.

Sir Harold Wernher, second son of Sir Julius Wernher, a diamond magnate, was himself a successful man of business and deed in 1973. He had been a former chairman of Electro-hix and of Plessey Electronics. He was a great racing follower, owning the illustrious Brown eck among other notable

Like her busbend, Lady Zia was a lavish supporter of the British turf and she had her horses trained by Captain C.

MRS DOREEN ARCHER-HOUBLON

Mrs Doreen Archer-Houblon, CVO, has died at her home in Kilkenny. Born in 1899, the daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Lindsay and Lady Kath-leen Lindsay, she spent many years training horses with her father and had studied horse-menchin norticularie the art manship, particularly the art five continents for over 30 years of sidesaddie. She taught the least continents for over 30 years to sidesaddie and right to be treated as an equal was her Majesty's stand-in at member of society.

cate and Double Eclapse.

Her green and yellow colours had a greer public following at the principal race meetings and her most popular horse was perhaps Meld, a triple classic winner in 1955 of the 1.000 Guineas, the Oaks and the St. Leger. She had many successes at Royal Ascot, among them the triumph of Precipitation in the 1937 Gold Cup. Judicate wont. 1937 Gold Cup. Judicate wont ther an Irish St Leger, Double Life a "Cambridgeshire" while

nother pupular Wernber runner was her fine stayer, Dickens, first past the post in Goodwood and Yorkshire Cops.

member of society.

M RAOUL FOLLEREAU.

M Raoul Follereau, the French philambropist who de-voted most of his working life. to combating leprosy, has died in Paris at the age of 74.

Apart from a campaign for medical aid for lepers which he conducted vigorously across

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Fashion

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The Gardner Centre Gallery at the University of Sussex, Faimer, Brighton (telephone 0273-685447) has an exhibition

of ceramics and textiles until December '31. While potters niche, textile makers find the public anxious to categorize, or functionalize-" well, its a rug, though we put it on the wall "---their work. Poised halfway between the applient civilizations which just rolled up the stuff and popped it on to a camel, or the walls, or the floor, or used textiles as practical draught excluders, designers in

this area are suffering a trisis of identity.

They should not Central heating, or lack of it, are both mitigating factors against the painting and pro the wall hanging. Double glazing may be admirable but my, how dull compared with a smashing knit "picture" (categorizing again) by David Holbourne, excamberwell College of Art, or a work of art to stop the draught whistling through the ungrooved floorboards, by Roger Oates. Are they mag, or do you put them up as pictures? Both men assert that textiles should exist as art forms in their own right. "In America, people just say, we've

tating aspects of crafts, upon which my views are well known, is that they tend to be both nostalgio-"if it doesn't look as though it was (rather clumsity) hand made it doesn't sell "-while the whole future have probably found their of the artist craftsman lies in melding a technical perfection to an existing art form—in other words carrying something forward, not just sticking with the corn-dollies and waggon wheels image of the crafts of the past.

Neither nostalaia nor privilege has any place in the living future of the arrist-craftsman. But tradition dies hard.
"If you can't say, well, it's a
jacket reality, even if you have
got it hung over a screen,
people are still suspicious."
Yet fashion has come full
circle. There are many beautiful dresses around today
which you can wear, or you can
throw over the sofa, or pin on
the wall.
Our picture shows Sarah Soulsby
with her repestry of synthetic with her tapestry of synthetic yarn and dish-scourers.

The incomparable Bernard Nevill was Britain's hero at the recent Interstoff in Frankfurt made, my spy tells me, a sorry made the piece " and you work 'showing (though not as bad out what it is for from there, as in Manchester, where Spy reported salesmen with hands in

braces storing on the stands or treating the whole thing as a junker). Nevill, one of the most knocked-off of textile designers (see my story below) worked for 10 years for Liberty and brought them their Renaissance; taught for 10 years at St Martins and the RCA; and has lived to find himself "too expensive" for the British textile industry—do we have one? Honoured all over the world, he would like a much of recognition in the country from which he draws his inspiration and his love, his home and his moral certitude. Most, woundingly to me, if not to him, he has been denied the proper recognition of his pears, no, mostly his inferiors I would say, in being denied the status of RDI, Royal Designer for Industry. One day I shall get round to writing about self-perpetuating and self-selecting bodies and the incest thereof.

The pretriest aspect of the new collection by Bernard Nevill for Cantoni of Itall it—mixed with the soft blues, enchanting ♠ A drawing by Anne Childs of the Fosseway House Workshops. Stow-on-the-Wold, telephone 0451 31049. Basically a

plexion pink " I call it-mixed with the soft blues, enchanting on very fine wool/cotton voile, the popular wool/cotton challis, and of course the sensational cotton velvets. The most impor-tant print (copyists take note) is the feather.

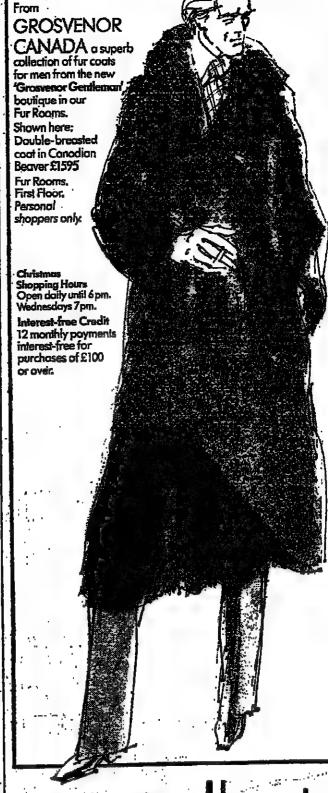
In our picture it is the pheasant print coloured in any shades from vulture (exquisite greys, pink and scrawny-neck beige) to vivid blue and reds. Bernard Nevill always gives a

to how his fabrics might be used the big, batwing top balancing the tiny waisted, big thighed, tiny ankled silhouette—Poiret for 77, as the page has pointed out—is typical.

Below:

textile designer, her ideas are equally applicable to single pictures, or wall paper, or wrapping paper, or tiles or fabric. Fosseway House shelters, in romantic if sparten conditions, a group of young artist craftsmen of just the sort to recreate the proper "healthy dialogue" between customer and supplier. Instead of scrambling round your overfilled local store for Christmas presents, why not launch out and buy something unique, remarkably inexpensive, and of lasting worth and grace of form? At Fosseway House you could ger beautiful cards from the prim maker, charming jewelry, a chiffon scarf, a chair, a table, a mirror, a picture, a painted clay ocarina which you have to blow very softly, all originals, or commission some-thing from delightful, talented





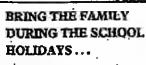




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One of the earlier examples of knocking-off occurred around the year 500 when Columba, the guest of the Abbot Finnian, took a near copy of a psalter while his guest in Ireland. Not amused or flattered by the imitation, Finnian sought judgment in Tara's halls. The king, who must have belonged to one of those immovable public bodies, d'alivered his 'indgment as "to every cow its calf, to every book its copy" which may sound all very fat and fine in the halls of Tara, where maybe they were not initiating any very radical design ideas, but was simply rotten for poor old abbot Finnian.

The moral of the story is worse, though. The abbot has slipped into relative obscurity, but everyone, just everyone, has heard of 55 Columba and his

but everyone, just everyone, has heard of St Columba and his uncomfortable monastery. So, do a knock-off and you get to be a

This story was the funniest —and maybe most apposite—
of those related by the speaker
whom I found the most interesting at the SIAD conference

One of the earlier examples of knocking-off occurred around the year 500 when Columba, the guest of the Abbot Finnian, took a neat copy of a psalter while his guest in Ireland. Not amused or flattered by the imitation, Finnian sought judgment in Tara's halls. The king, who must have belonged to one

Three acts of Parliament, and numerous statements of good intent, cover the law of copyright. The fact remains that he who can be first to be second usually scoops the moretary pool. So when you think that clothes which I show on this page cost a preposterous amount of money, please remember that they are likely to be prototypes, the inspiration of very rare and original designers whose work is going to be copied, whole sale—and that is the word, if I am right in my choice. Is it Three acts of Parliament, I am right in my choice. Is it not morally more reprehensible to always show the cheap-



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Oueen's Bench Division

Employees' right to buy shares £243,000 for doctor, 41, a helpless invalid for life

Tyrer v Smart (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Lord Justice Buckley, Lord Justice Eveleigh and Sir John Pentrycuick [Judgments delivered Dec 1]

A preferential right exercised by an employee to buy stares in his company when it wan public at a price that turned out to be below the market price is not a taxable "emolument" from his employment.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the Crown infrom Mr Justice Brightman (The Times, July 24, 1976), who had allowed an appeal by the taxpayer. Arthur Tyrer, against an additional assessment to income tax of £1,000 made on him by special commissioners in respect of an an additional assessment to income tax of £1,000 made on him by special commissioners in respect of an appeal by the Mr. The Communication of the House of Lords subject to giving undertakings as to the taxpayer's acceptance of the taxpayer's costs.

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Record damages of £243,309
against a hospital authority were
awarded to a woman psychiatrist
who has become a helpless
invalid for the rest of her life
because of negligence during a
minor operation. Her brain was
permanently damaged.

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His Lordship, giving judgment for the plaintiff, Dr Line Poh Choo, aged 41, in an action against the defendants, Camded and Islington Area Health Authority, said that the court must do what it reasonably could to protect a plaintiff against inflation.

Mr Christopher French, QC, and Mr Peter Scott for the hospital authority.

MR IUSTICE BRISTOW said

Scott for the hospital authority.

MR JUSTICE BRISTOW said
that in February, 1973, Dr Lim,
who was working as a senior psychiatric registrar for the Southgate group of hospitals and the
Royal Free Hospital, was admitted
to the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson
Hospital for a minor gynaecological surgery. After the operation she suffered a cardiac arrest
as the result of failure to take
reasonable care for her safety by
someone for whom the hospital
authority were vicariously liable.
The consequences had been The consequences had been disastrous. Before the operation in March, 1973, Dr Lim was in und-career practising in her chosen field of medicine. She had qualified in Singapore in 1963, came to England in 1971, and, after gaining the Diploma of Psychiatric Medicine, was appointed senior registrar in 1972. The career

she was assessed by a consultant neurologist as suffering from diffuse brain damage producing lack of coordination in all four limbs; she was depressed, withdrawn and having difficulty in speaking. Tests showed that her disabilities were purely organic in origin, due to the extensive brain damage caused by the cardiac arrest. In 1974 she was taken to Malaysia to be looked after by her mother.

The picture which emerged from the agreed medical reports was that of a helpless invalid who would require tursing for the rest-mittently sentient. When she was sentient it looked as if it was at a commentational looked lovel and to suffer was a very great tragedy. But in justice to the hospital authority as well as to her, the sum awarded must be in proportion to awards in other cases to those who had suffered injuries of comparable severity.

His Lordship bore in mind what was said in the authorities about the question of protecting plain-niffs against the consequences of future inflation, because damages had to be awarded once for all. here and now in Taylor of O'Connor ([1971] AC 115) Lord Pearson, in the House of Lords in 1970, commenting on the fact that Mr Justice Lyell in 1968 had increased the multiplier to a modest extent to shield the plantiff against the effects of inflation, said, at p 142: "Certainly it is right to have regard to the prospect of continuing inflation as an important factor in the situation, but I do not think that a mere increase in the multiplier is a suitable method of protecting against inflation, though it achieves something. I think protection against inflation, though it achieves something. I think protection against inflation, though it will be invested with the aim of obtaining some capital appreclation to offset the probable rise to the cost of living."

In 1970 the rise of oil prices and the acceleration in wage demands were still in the future, and relatively stable money was the context in which Lord Pearson's words were untered. But rates approaching 30 per cent in a single year had been experienced The Government was seen doing its best to reduce inflation, with success said to be dependent on trade unions being content with wage demands of the order of 10 per cent. Three years had been passed through in which investment advisers could hardly do

must do what it reasonably could to protect a plaintiff against in flation, and what the House of Lords thought it wrong for Mr Justice Lyell to do in the conditions of 1968 was right to do in 1977, when it could be seen more clearly where the world was going.

clearly where the world was 30172.

In assessing the appropriate damages, the first priority was the future care of Dr Lim. On the evidence, her mother, aged 71, would look after her at home in Malaysia for as long as she could. Thereafter, his Lordship found that the prohability was that Dr Lim, who had a married sister in London, would come to England to be cared for in an institution.

an institution.

The cost of caring for Dr Limin Malaysia, his Lordship found, was about £2,600 a year. On the basis that she would be looked after for seven years by her mother, £18,000 would be awarded for the cost of care in Malaysia. When she came to England, Dr Lim would be 47. Her expectation of life would he in the order of a further 30 years, but there must be made in that figure a substantial discount because of the accelerated payment, some reduction for the contingency that she would not reach

the average and, and some increase for prospective inflation. In all multiplier for the period of care in England was 11. On the evidence, the cost of that care was about 55,000 a year, giving a figure of 555,000 and so making a

a total for the cost of future care Other sums awarded were for cost of Dr. Lim's case to date. \$5,000; out of pucket expenses. \$2,386; loss by earnings to date. \$14,213; loss of future earnings. \$54,000; loss of pension rights.

53,000; pain, suffering and less of the amerities of life 520,000—513,500 in all The total award of £243,209 was The total award of 1243,309 was high, but in his Lordship's riew not disproportionality high when it was remembered that Or Line was only 41, there was no reason to suppose that her expectation of sixtunce had been reduced, and she would need care for the rest of her days.

of her days.

Judgment was given for \$223,309 plus interest and costs for Dr Lim. Because of the size of the damages his Lordship granted the hospital authority a stay in respect of \$111,590 pending an appeal, and ordered the balante-to be found within a fortnight was quite clear. Ins Lordship said, that the award would be challenged.

Solicitors: Coward Chance: L.

Chancery Division

Valuation of unrated agricultural land

P. B. Frost Ltd y Green
Before Mr Justice Slade
[Judgment delivered Nov 24]
His Lordship held that although
agricultural land was not liable
to be rated, and for which,
accordingly, there was no relevant entry in the valuation list. Its
value could not be treated as nil
when determining whether the
county court or the High Court
had jurisdiction to hear and
determine an action by mortgagees for the recovery of possession of the mortgaged land. It
must, in accordance with section
200 (2) (as amended) of the
County Courts Act, 1959, be
taken to have a net sanual value
equivalent to its value by the
year. His Lordship was giving a
ruling upon the point in an action
by P. B. Frost Ltd against Mr
William James Green, of Pickwell Manor, Melton Mowbray,
Leicestershire.
Mr Stephen Hunt for Mr Green.
HIS LORDSHIP said that Frost,
as mortgagees under a legal charge
dated January 19, 1977, securing a
loan of £40,000, sought possession
of two hereditaments: a dwelling
house, Pickwell Manor, occupied
by Mr Green, with 17 acres of
adjoining land, and 218 acres of
agricultural land, Notice requiring
repayment was given on May 24,
and about £45,793 was outstanding in capital and interest. The net
amound value for rating of the
manor bouse with its adjoining
land was £742; but the 218 acres,
being solely agricultural land, had
no relevant entry in the valuation
list.

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It was contended for Mr Green that value of the land for rating purposes was nil, and that the matter came therefore within the county court's jurisdiction, as it fell below the county court mult of £1,000 set in the Administration of Justice Act, 1973. As a result the High Court had no jurisdiction.

It was common ground that

in which the mortgagee claimed possession, no other court should have jurisdiction to hear and de-termine that action. Subsection

It was accepted that that sub-section did not assist Frost, bear-ing in mind that foreclosure for sale was not the primary relief sought, in view of Manchester, Unity Life Insurance Collecting, Society Trusteer v Sadler [1974] 1 WLR 770) where Mr Justice Walton held that "an action for foreclosure" meant one in which foreclosure was genuinely sought. Attention accordingly focused

foreclosure was genuinely sought.

Attention accordingly focused on section 37 (1), the scheme of which was that the High Court had no jurisdiction where three conditions were fulfilled: (1) that the subject matter of the action consisted of or included a dwelling house: (2) that no part of the land was in London or Lancashire; and (3) that the county court had jurisdiction either under section 48 of the 1959 Act or under section 38 of the 1959 Act or under section 38 of the 1970 Act.

The first two conditions were fulfilled. As to conditions were fulfilled. As to conditions were fulfilled. As to condition (3). Mr. Hunt relied on section 48 and not on section 38. By section 48 (1) a county court had jurisdiction to hear and determine any action for the recovery of land where the net annual value for rating of the land in question did not exceed the county court limit of £1,000.

the county court limit of £1,000.

The 218 acres could not be said to have any net annual value for rating because they were not liable to be rated. If the section were read in isolation, it might be said that if land was not so liable to be rated its not annual value for rating was nil; such a construction, however, would involve an inaccuracy since there was a difference between a property do. an inaccuracy since there was a difference between a property not liable to be rated at all and one having a nil annual value. It would also give to the county court an absolutely limitless jurisdiction if land was not liable to rates. Alternatively it could be said that land not liable to be rated necessarily had no net annual value for rating and therefore that the section could not apply and that an action for the recovery of such land could never fall within the county court's jurisdiction. Common sense suggested that neither result could be right.

The answer to the problem was

be right.

The answer to the problem was in the amended section 200(2) of the County Courts Act which provided that where the property in question did not consist of one or more hereditaments having, a separate net annual value for setting, the property or such past of it as did not so consist should be mken to have a net annual value "equivalent to its value by the equivalent to its value by the field that the value to be attributed to the 218 acres must be substantially more than £258 (£1,000 less £742) and therefore that the High Court had jurisdiction to deal with the case.

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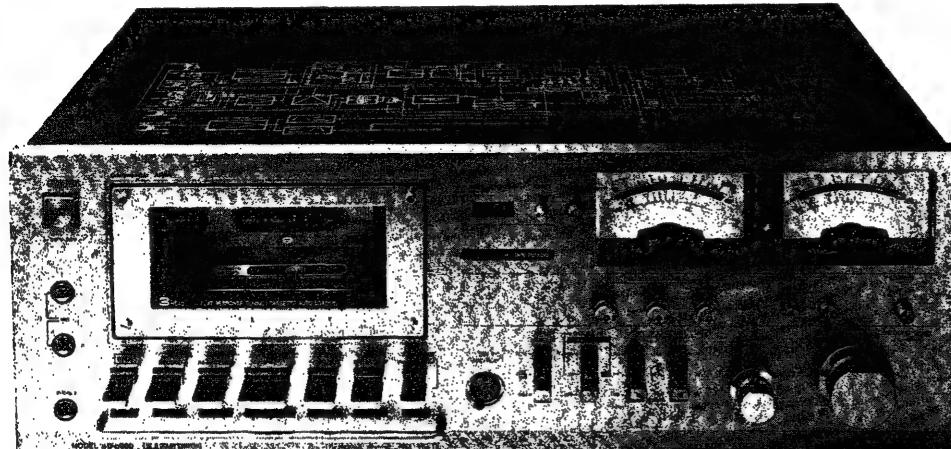
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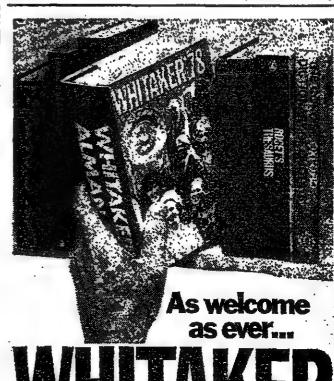
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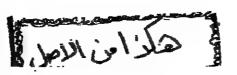


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BUSINESS NEWS

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Cabinet presses on with union role in managing state industries

By Paul Rourledge Labour Editor

The Government is pressing shead with plans to introduce made union participation in the running of nationalized indus-ries while formulating a policy for the private sector.

This emerged yesterday after Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, addressed a National Union of Mineworkers' conference on indusrial democracy in Harrogate. He called for a "step by step" movement towards workers' control in the mining indus-

More interestingly, he said afterwards that he bad Cabinet authority to write to the unions in the industries for which he is sponsoring minister—coal, electricity and gas—asking them to put forward plans for industrial democracy, by the end of this year, where

Mr Benn said; "We are waiting for the plans to come forward, and the Government will respond positively towards

The Cabinet is still working on the draft of a White Paper on industrial democracy in the

yet no firm date for its publi-

In his address to the conference, Mr Benn demolished the political opposition being mounted by Mr Arthur Scargill the Yorkshire miners' leader, without mentioning him by name. He rejected the argument that trade unions were not that trade unions were not interested in participation in the running of their indus-tries until a socialist society had been achieved as "absolutely contrary to the whole history of the Labour movement".

"Is it really true that the NUM wants no part of the management of the mining industry until socialism is created?" he asked.

If so, why did the union sponsor MPs to Parliament in the hope that they would run an economy that still fell far short of socialism? Mr Benn said a step-by-step programme towards self-management was the right course for the miners.

"Of course we should reject phoney schemes if they are brought forward. But does any one believe that the NUM is not strong enough to prevent a phoney scheme from weaken-ing this basic strength? Of

Price Commission's index puts annual rate of rises at only 5.8pc

By David Blake

Economics Correspondent Now-figures were issued by the Price Commission yesterday suggesting that the fall in the inflation rate will go on well into the new year. They were to the end of last month it rose at an annual rate of 5.6 per cent. Charles Williams, the commis- cent. soo cheirman for companies to spread out price rises at less frequent intervals.

This compares with the spread out price rises at less figure of 7.3 per cent in October and that of 20.8 per cent

new price code which came into effect on August 1, many large companies were no longer asking for permission to raise prices every three months.
He ackied that the commission "welcome this development" and "would like to see the juterval-between individual price increases further extended wherever possible."

wherever possible There should be a more general return to the system of annual price reviews, he said, echoing the opinion of many politicians that frequent price rises are particularly damaging at a time when pay increases are limited to one every 12

Under the new price code, the dom to decide which applicavestigates than it had under the old system. Thus there is likely to be real pressure on comnies to pay attention to Mr.

Williams's suggestion.
The commission believes the fall in commodity prices to manufacturers makes it possible manufacturers makes it possible (1970 = 100), up. 0.6 per for many companies to switch to an annual review of prices at least in sectors where raw September.—AP-Dow Jones.

stances.

material costs play an important

recorded in March.

The commission index is the quickest of all the inflation indicators to pick up a change in trend. It is constructed from the requests to raise prices submitted by the largest com-

They have to wait at least 28 days from the time they request permission for a price increase to the time when they are allowed to put up their prices. There is then a further delay before these prices are reflected in retail prices. în retail prices.

Although the index has in the past year established its credibility after some early outside scepticism, the absolute level of inflation which it suggests must not be taken too literally because many items in retail prices are not covered by

EEC rises slowing: The average consumer price rise in the European Community slowed down in October, latest Brussels figures show. The preliminary consumer index stood at 198.7

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moves to cut copper Output By Wallace Jackson

ommodities Editor Because Chile blocked a Zambian proposal for all-round production cuts to prop up sagging world prices of copper, a three-day meeting in Jakarta of the Council of Copper Exporting Countries (CIPEC) broke up yesterday in disagree

Shortly afterwards Zambia, Zaire and Peru issued a statement saying that they had agreed in principle to cut production, but there was no indication of when cuts would These three states have been particularly hard hit by weak demand for copper and low prices which have prevailed since the 1973-74 boom

The five full members of CIPEC, Chile, Indonesia, Peru, Zaire and Zambia produce about 75 per cent of world copper exports.

An official communique after the CIPEC meeting said that although there was general agreement that producing countries must take steps to balance supply and demand for cupper next year, no decision was reached on how to do this. However, the conference reaffirmed support for the integrated commodity programme being negotiated through the United Nettons

Conference on Trade and Development Development.

Muhammed Sadti, of Indonesia, the newly-elected chairman of CIPEC, will contact major countries involved in the Uncted talks to discuss the basis for a possible agreement at the third Uncted oxeparatory meeting on copper to be held to Geneva at the and of January.

At a press conference, M. Sache. Gueronik, the CIPEC secretary general, said that in so far as there was peneral agreement on the need for production cars, this could be considered a success; but the fact that no decision was taken could be considered as less than a success.

A previous attempt by CIPEC to restrict cooper production, decided on is April, 1974, ended in failure in 1976, when at least one major producer did not adhere to the agreed.



Mr Bernard Asher, who is to be acting director general of NEDO until a successor is found for Sir Ronald McIntosh. Sir Ronald attended his last NEDO meeting yesterday, report page

Peace hopes for Tyneside yards

By R. W. Shakespeare
A leading shipbuilding union
official said last night he was
"more than hopeful" that an
early solution would be found to the Swan Hunter dispute on Tyneside. This would enable the remaining ships of the £115m Polish order to be reallocated in the north-east.

Mr John Chalmers, chairman

of the shipbuilding committee of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Union, said: "We are all highly optimistic."

The confederation's hopes

appear to be founded on a prodrawn up for getting wage re-forms under way as quickly as

Presumably it is hoped that the Swan Hunter men will see the solution to their overtime dispute emerging from this pro-

Polish deal gets 100 pc credit

Continued from page one British Shipbuilders, and the Polish directors by PZM. Their salaries had not yet been fixed. British Shipbuilders and PZM would put up the share capital

The Poles will get what amounts to 100 per cent credit

a commercial loan of around

per cent, arranged through
a merchant bank at 9 per cent and a 71 per cent loan over seven years for the balance, raised on normal Export Credits Guarantee Department

A Department of Industry spokesman yesterday stressed that these arrangements were not unusual. Nor was the official unquantified subsidy.

The spokesman said the perms of the charter to PZM—the final details of which were still being worked out—were intended. ded to make sure that Britain's share of the £115m bill was recovered from its half of the

lease income.

The same point was made privately by officials at British Shipbuilders.

Chile blocks Property man denies Fay allegation

Mr Jack Walker, who was among the property developers backed by the ill-fated Crown Agents, yesterday stated that Mr Alan Challis, the Agents' former finance director, had no

bareholding in a company with which they are now associated. This conflicts directly with last week's Committee of In-quiry report, prepared by Judge Edgar Fay, which stated that Mr Challis was now a share-holder and executive of United Merchant Securities, described as an international investment and trading company.

and trading company.

The Fay report said there were three other shareholders, Mr J. J. Walker and Mr Ramon Greene, and one not named, in addition to Mr Challis.

Mr Challis originally left his post with the Crown Agents in July, 1973, amid a gathering storm, to join the Pirst National Finance Corporation, also fin-

ancially supported by the Crown Agents and the subject of a special unpublished separate report prepared by the Fay committee last year.

The Fay report records that Mr Challis left FNFC in December, 1974, United Merchant Securities operates from Grosvenor Crescent, London, and Mr Jack Walker said yesterday that Mr Challis was appointed chairman and director of the company in July, 1975.

Mr Walker, who, like Mr Greene, now lives in Monte Carlo, explained: "Neither of us has any connexion with the company in the executive sense, but trustees of settlements were agreed many years ago with the shareholders, and us such the trustees take an interest. Our interest in the company is as trustees to each other's settle-

return to Monte Carlo, added:

Mr Challis has no shareholding in the company."

Both Mr Greene and Mr Walker are mentioned in the Fay report in connexion with

the English and Continental Property Company, whose operations "were to bulk large in the Crown Agents' affairs". Crown Agents has bought out most of the shareholders' interest in E & C in order to disengage itself in the rescue operations still in progress.

Despite recoveries of various sums, losses on the investment are stated as bound to be high —probably in the region of

The Fay report made a number of criticisms of Mr Challis, who has maintained a firm silence since publication.
It is known that he is not the only former Crown Agent ser-vant now with former business parmers or associates. Mr Peter Sly, former property manager, is employed by Mr Reno Dipre.

He left the Crown Agents in a made property manager in suc-cession to Mr Bernard Wheatley. His experience in property investment was described in the Fay report as "nil".

Mr Dipre was a developer of an Epsom, Surrey, town centre site in partnership with the Crown Agents, and the difficul-ties encountered also involved the Stern group. The Fay report deals extensively with the Epsom site.

Yesterday MPs who want a full public tribunal were step-ping up pressure on the Govern-ment to respond. Both Mr William Malloy (Labour, North Ealing) and Mr Jeff Rooker (Labour, Birmingham, Perry Barri, said a full judicial public inquiry was needed when it was known that former Crown Agents' servants were now assuciated with people involved in the Fay report.

plans at present to set up the operation elsewhere in Europe.

to any reassessment of sales op-

result of unfavourable attitudes He hoped the situation would change but would not give any assurance that if it did the pro-

ect would still be based at

Lord Glenamura, chairman of

the North of England Develop-ment Council, condemned the Government's "ludicrous and

indefensible handling " of the

Washington.

Why market in sterling Eurobonds turned sour

Is the market in sterling Eurobonds, launched smid great enthusiasm only a month ago, already dead?

After vesterday's experience in the secondary market it has become clear that at the verv least it is in a deep coma and will now need a lengthy period of recuperation if it is again to venture forth.

The problems were becom-ing apparent on Monday and Tuesday when three new issues were priced amid rapidly deteriorating market conditions.
two of the issues, those by Fisons and the European Investment Bank, had their coupons raised from the originally intended level, but evidently this was not enough.

was not enough. was not enough.

In initial trading yesterday
all three issues fell to big discounts, even allowing for the
11-point concession available to underwriters. Fisons, priced at 109, fell to 967, the EIB priced at 993, fell to 961, while Court-aulds, priced at 98, plummeted to 941 after being almost a

point lower at one stage.

Price declines on this scale have rarely been seen since the dark days of the last bear market in 1974. Plainly many of the bonds had not been placed in firm hands, and with the prospect of losses looming. bonds were tending to be sold

streight away.

For underwriters left with stock which already shows book interesting the stock which already shows love. losses there are two immediate problems. One is the year end by which time they may be reflectant to continue carrying losses. The other is the requirement to trunsfer any holdings into their secondary market portfolios after a month, at which point losses have to be made up through the currency premium and are therefore com pounded.

Since British banks under the jurisdiction of the Bank of England are not supposed to hold sterling Eurobonds in their investment portfolios (unlike other currency bonds) and since British institutions do not buy them because they are premium investments, it is widely felt that the secondary market could continue to be weak for some time.
The real problems go desper

Hitachi affair, which, he said, would discourage further investment by foreign companies market has turned sour because it was getting under way just at the moment when real doubts were developing about the trend of interest rates and the future direction of sterling.
Investors simply find it hard to see what factors would be needed to send sterling Eurobond prices up to a higher

level.

Perhaps even more serious has been the simple oversupply of stock, six issues totalling £120m having been floated in only four weeks of which three have been in the past week. Some have blamed the Bank of England for the lack of a proper queue, but most blame it on the issuing houses for attempting too much in too short a time. At bottom it seems that no one is really sure how much underlying demand can be found for sterling Euro-

Christopher Wilkins

Hitachi shelves plan for UK assembly

Hittachi has shelved its plans to build a colour pelevision assembly plant in the Northessr of England. The Japanese electronics group said last night that its withdrawal was the to entagonism from British manufactures.

anions.

Mr S. Kobayashi, director of the Ritachi consumer products group, explained that the company "would not want to establish a United Kingdom factory in the current climate of intense opposition within the electronics industry". Hitachi had not expected such strong opposition to the development. opposition to the development which he was confident would have contributed to the

The Japanese move pre-ampted any government deci-sion on whether the scheme should be allowed to proceed. model be allowed to proceed.
During protracted negotiations with the company, extending over more than 12 months, the Department of Industry had wrong what it considered to be important concessions to protect, the United Kingdom industry.

The comony undertook to



Financial Correspondent This week's resumption of

significant gilt-edged sales by the monetary authorities continued to go well yesterday, with supplies of the short-dated "tap" stocks, Treasury 81 per cent 1982, declared exhausted shortly after the opening of

Although the £800m stock had sold well when launched in late September, sales became bogged down during October as markets began to take the view that the fall in interest rates had probably come to an

At that stage the market estimated that about three-quarters of the stock had been sold. The rest of the stock has now gone, much of it as a result of large orders placed before the market officially opened yesterday.

In addition to sales of the short "tap" the authorities continued to supply the long "tap" yesterday, the price of the stock, Treasury 10 per cent 1992, rsing a further \$ to 90\$. Aithough the resumption of gilt sales and Tuesday's banking figures for November put up to 50p on longs yesterday, the exhaustion of the short "tap" did little for prices at the short and

The marker is anxious to see what the authorities will do

the short end.

English Card

Annual Statements:

Allied London Properties

Bonn support fails to sustain dollar

Mr Kobayashi, left, director of Hitachi; Mr Chiba, centre, general manager of international division, and Mr Aritchi, product manager, in London yesterday.

operation.

The decision evidently also

took Hitachi's negotiating team by surprise, since a spokesman denied on Monday that it had any intention of withdrawing its application to establish the fac-

tory at Washington New Town,

near Newcastle upon Tyne.

It would have resulted in an investment of approximately 55m, creating between 400 and 500 new jobs. It would also have been the first wholly owned manufacturing plant to have the library to the second to the seco

be set up by Hitachi within the

At a press conference in Lon-don last night Mr Kobayashi

said that the company had no in the United Kingdom.

near Newcastle upon Tyne.

By Our Economics Staff .

buy between 50 and 70 per cent of the components for the sets from British-based manufacturers, and also gave a pledge that at least half the output from the factory would be exported.

The decision not to proceed

was releved with only a few hours warning to Mr Alan Williams, Minister of State for Industry, who had been heading the talks.

At a meeting called at short notice on Monday, Mr Kobayashi, who had travelled from Tokyo for the occasion. told Mr Williams that even if immediate consent were given, Hitachi's view was that the amonghers here bindered them.

By Our Economics Staff
Throughout Europe yesterday the dollar lost much of the ground it had recovered on Tuesday on the strength of a pledge by Dr. Hans Apel, the German Finance Minister, to go on supporting the United States currency.

Trading was fairly heavy during the day, with considerable centrul bank intervention, but at close of business the rate against the Deutsche mark had fallen to 2.1675, compared with 2.1780 on Tuesday. However, it never touched the lowest points it had reached during Tuesday's trading, and some dealers believed technical factors might work in its favour until the end of this favour until the end of this

position of the dollar remains,

The technical argument for the dollar's strength is that business is likely to slacken off as the year draws to a close, which ought to make it easier and cheaper for central banks to intervene in its support. In addition some people who have sold the dollar short may feel the need to cover themselves by the end of the year's account-ing period. A belief that this might

happen is beginning to exercise a distinctly bearish influence on sterling, whose effective rate fell again yesterday to 63.1 per cent of its 1971 parity—the lowest closing level since it was allowed to float upwards.

Against the dollar it closed marginally up, at \$1.8265.

Panel rebukes Crane over repudiated profits forecast

The Takeover Panel has admonished the board of trailer

manufacturer, Crane Fruehauf, for not standing by the profits forecast of f3m pre-tax for the year ending December 31, 1977. which was made at the time of the first Inchcape offer in

The American group, Prue-hauf Corporation won control of Crane Freuhauf earlier this week and the Crane board responded with a letter to its shareholders advising them not to continue resistance. The board also explained that it no

longer accepted responsibility for the forecast since it was made in the context of Inchmade in the context of Inch-cape's approach which assumed that management and account-ing policies would be unaltered. The profits prediction, Crane Fruehauf asserted, "would not be valid in the context of the Fruehauf offer". This view has been strongly

criticized by the Panel which declared categorically that it is not prepared to allow directors to repudiate responsibility for forecasts made in bid situa-

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currencies in the snake with the Deutsche mark intended to

leave it, with a particularly strong rebutted from the

Norwegians. Economic Notebook, page 23

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6p to 182p 5p to 90p 4p to 58p 5p to 61p Gold gained \$0.75 an nunce to \$150.625. Equities gained ground.
Gilt-edged securities saw SDR-S was 1.19524 on Wednesday while SDR-E was 0.654747. demand.

Dollar pressium 95.37 per cent
(effective rate 36.75 per cent).

Sterling gained 45 pts to 51.8265.

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Profits up for seventh year

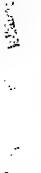
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Employers face union call for £70 minimum

Wage packet switch to Gatt textile talks adjourned two

porting and exporting states

today adjourned their talks on

renewing the 1973 International

after none of the delegates

would take the floor.

state incentives

to energy saving

Financial incentives to stimu-

ate energy conservation should

be introduced by the Govern-ment, Sir Derek Bzra, chairman of the National Coal Board, said yesterday. New incentives

would supplement the Govern-ment's extended programme of

educational and promotional activity, he told the Milton Keynes City Forum yesterday.

Sir Derek suggested that more could be achieved if

improved standards and objectives for energy conservation

in housing were established.

"Financial incentives could

be used to encourage compli-ance, and after a period compliance could become com-

pulsory. In such a policy area, where success depends on the

decision and actions of individual consumers, this

individual consumers, this seems the only practicable way

better energy conservation in

housing alone could eventually provide savings up to 10 per

cent of the nation's energy requirements', he said.

suggests that

forward.
"Research

Leaders of Britain's 1,200,000 engineering workers meet today to draw up a series of pay demands and condi-tions that will be tabled with the Engineering Employers Federation on

December 19.

The attempt to negotiate a new national agreement on minimum wage rates, working hours, holidays and conditions follows a two-year break in industry-wide bargaining during which pay increases under phases one and two of the Government-TUC incomes strategy have been settled on a plant by plant basis.

In terms of size and the number of workers involved the claim that is likely to emerge from today's meeting of the national executive of the Confederation o

Up to 15 million shopfloor

employees who are paid in cash

could be under pressure to

switch from a weekly wage

packet to a monthly payment

In its evidence to the Wilson

Committee, the National Giro, the state-run banking and

money transmission service, urges the Government to "take

a lead" in encouraging such a

Talks are already in progress

between a number of large em-ployers, the trade unions and

National Giro over the possi-

bility of switching workers to

monthly transmission systems.

Productivity deals are being considered for sharing the cost

savings to management of a changeover with cooperating

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Giro recommended

tion of Shipbuilding and Engineering that if the total demands were conceded Unions at York could represent the biggest private sector challenge vet to the Government's 10 per cent guidelines on wage increases.

The executive will have before it a framework of demands that have already emerged from a policy-making conference of its largest constituent union—and there are 19 in all—Mr Scanlon's Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers. The two biggest elements in this are calls for an increase in the present minimum basic rate of £42 for skilled workers to £70 and a reduction in the working week

would encourage saving.
In France, which is cited in

the report as a practical example, there is a legal obliga-tion to accept monthly pay-ments. Only a sixth of the

French working population is still peid weekly, compared with one half in the United

But such a change might not

wainwright, recently appointed managing director of National Giro, conceded that employees' rights to opt out might have to be preserved under any new legislation.

National Giro, set up a decade

ago to provide a financial ser-vice to those who did not want

a conventional bank account

can see an enormous potential market for itself if the Gov-

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orkers.

National Giro claims that the tions. Most of the weekly cash

weekly wage packet is expensive, and vulnerable to theft not have a bank account.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

The following are the figures for the buliage of payments released by the Treasury yeartrday (all figures in 2m)

Balance for official financing* -1.465 -3,628 -133 +1.913 + 906 +2,610

The Government has replaced the concept of "net currency flow" by "balance for official linencing". The main change involved in this change is the transference of "public sector borrowing under the exchange cover scheme" from above the inencing line to below it. The Item is now conceived as a linencing component. Previously it appeared under the headings "oversess investment in the United Kingdom public sector" and "oversess currency borrowing by United Kingdom hashe"

it would mean a 90 per cent increase in basic costs in the industry.

However, the pay structure in engineering is an extremely complicated one since negotiations traditionally take place at two levels—nationally between the confederation and the EEF and tives and company managements. This has resulted in a complex pattern of hundreds of different wage agreements in about 5.000 industrial companies.

The minimum basic rates in engineering, which were fixed in the last national negotiations before the introduction of phase one now bear little relationship to actual earnings. The effective wage for a skilled worker is about £65 for a 40-hour week.

Another complicating factor is that all the separate company and plant-level

Textile Trade Agreement for two days.

Sources of the closed negotiations said Mr Olivier Long of Switzerland proposed the interruption as the state of the last in July. It was clear from the start that no progress was likely in the absence of a final negotiation menders from

interruption as "a time for final negotiating mandate from reflection and consultations" the European Community, on after none of the delegates which the treaty's future

which depends.

days in the face of EEC objections

would take the floor.

The Community objects to United States which had Mr Long, director of the the basic treaty provision for General Agreement on Tariffs an annual 6 per cent increase are disripting effect in the United States which had already concluded similar export restraint pacts with its and Trade, under which auspices the treaty was negoproducer countries to the ad-Dow Jones.

couraging recruitment of pro-

fessional engineers into re-

search, development and design,

sineering Institutions, and pub-

There was a decline in the

percentage of engineers in-

volved in these sectors, yet

was to maintain its position as

a leading producer of industrial

equipment, the survey pointed

Another disturbing trend was a declining percentage of char-

rered engineers undertaking further training in management

and technology. However, the proportion of technician engin-

eers in further education is

The survey covers technician engineers for the first time and shows that there is only a

NCB chief urges | Low pay prospects fail to

By Derek Harris

lished yesterday.

greater.

ally review the treaty.

phases one and two (and these have not been consolidated into basic rates) have different terminal dates.

A new national agreement would mean that the 12-month rule—under which no new wage increase can be conceded within a year of the last would have to be breached in a great many companies.

Most union leaders, including Mr Scanlon, are committed to supporting the 12-month rule. The confederation executive wil therefore be in a dilemma today. It is anxious to get back into the national negotiating arena and to secure a much more realistic basic rate structure. Its problem is to determine how this can be done without deliberately putting itself on a collision course with the Government while at the same time bowing to shopfloor pay demands.

of its suppliers,

suppliers before Dow Jones.

attract research engineers

Low salary prospects are dis- salaries in the 35-55 age-band

according to the 1977 survey* fessional engineers in salary prepared by the Council of Enterms saw the real value of

these were the occupations that 44 per cent. Among technician

needed strengthening if Britain engineers 53 per cent are union

Agreed at a time of strong global economic growth, the 6 per cent formula has caused difficulties in the period of recession that followed, and, the Community says, serious damage to the textile industries of its pine member periods.

of its nine member nations.

The formula has not had the

same disrupting effect in the United States which had already concluded similar

when such engineers are prob

ably making their major contri-bution in their career.

their income fall farther behind in the period 1975 to 1977.

tered engineers have joined a

trade union, the proportion of union members now standing at

More chartered engineers are switching to the public sector where they are still able to command better salaries than

positions, the survey shows.

"The rewards received for contributions made to a nation dependent upon technology have not kept pace with the cost of living", the CEI commenced vectories.

*CEI 1977 Survey of Professional Engineers; CEI, 2 Limbs Smith Street, London SW1; £5.

mented vesterday.

comparable private sector

The survey shows more char-

The top 10 per cent of pro-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How management is failing Britain in the international markets

From Mr John Watson

Sir, For many years now I have been involved in the selling of many millions of pounds worth of British goods around the world. As a result of family pressures I have moved to France and established a small company to import British

I have been shocked at the way in which the United King-dom companies with whom I uave nad contact treat their "no" or a "perhaps". A fourth and a fifth company from whom I buy quite a number of items increase prices a great deal of blame for export problems on strikes or on the problems on strikes or on the trade unions. Perhaps they share responsibility but my own findings are that the real problem seems to be one of manage-

Geneva, Dec 7.—Textile im-orting and exporting states taxtiles Committee in which has negotiated bilateral export day adjourned their talks on the 50 member states periodic restraint agreements with most

British companies with whom I have had dealings must take first prize.

One company based on an order in January promised delivery in April. In August they decided they no longer wished to export. It was too difficult. Another two asked me to discuss their representation France during January 1977.

ceive the invoice.

share responsibility but my own findings are that the real problem seems to be one of management.

For outstandingly bad manners, lack of interest and specified in the seems of the seems

Time to revive the Channel tunnel project

From Sir John Colville Sir, Now that money seems to be flowing into the country in a manner to which we have been long unaccustomed. I think it is time to revive the Channel tunnel project.

The recent dislocation of air traffic shows how easily we can be marooned unless there be a rapid and efficient alternative method of travelling to and from these islands. Instead and from these islands. Instead of sitting for hours at Heath row and Gatwick, waiting impatiently for a flight to be called because there is industrial action, or a fog or simply air-traffic congestion, it would be agreeable to get into a train in London and arrive in Paris two hours forty minutes later or in Brussels two hours thirty minutes later. These time schedules would have been

dules would have been achieved if a high-speed railway line had been constructed between London and the nouth of the tunnel.

The cancellation of the plans for building the tunnel, which had proceeded a long way, was a decision taken to save public expenditure on building a high-speed railway line. It can high-speed rankey line. It can be seen in retrospect to have been an act of folly by the present Government. It was also an act of bad faith because a treaty had already been signed with the French, who were keen to so shead. It was expensive to the taxpayer because those involved in the was expensive to the haxpayer because those involved in the undertaking had to be paid off and compensated. Finally, the boring of the communication tunnel which was no adjoin the two main tunnels was well under way, and although driving it right through from England to France would have costmore than chosing the work down, the difference was not immensa.

double intake

of civil servants

The Government plans to double by 1980 the number of civil servants seconded to interpret to see the french, and bring the matter to such an expensive halt, was the cost of building the November 24.

high-speed railway line. This new line was designed to fol-

There are a lot of vested interests opposed to the building of a Channel tunnel not ing of a Channel tunnel not least those who run the Chan-nel ferries. However, the com-pensations far outweigh the disadvantages, for it must be of undoubted assistance to commerce to be able to send goods by rall and without trangoods by rail and without transhipment the whole way from, say, Glasgow to Milan, and the saving in time for ordinary passengers and car drivers would be immense. Taking the containers off the lorries and despatching them by rail would do something to relieve the present nichtmans.

Under the scheme which was abandoned the whole enterprise would, spart from the railway line, have cost the Government no more than a consiners. ernments have bought out the and air-traffic congestion. JOHN COLVILLE

low the existing railway track for the existing railway trace for all but a few miles and the environmental damage would therefore be slight, though now it would presumably cost rather more than the £400m estimated at the time of capcellation.

would do something to relieve the present nightware of the roads. Moreover, as nobody in their senses would fly to air-ports in northern Europe if they could make the journey quicker and more confortably by train, the diminution of sir-craft palsa smalld be substant craft noise would be substan-

contingent guerantee of the loan stocks; for the money was to be raised in the free markets. Now that the two governments have bought during original entrepreneurs, the expense will fall directly on the shoulders of the taxpayer, but the cost is inconsiderable for a major social beacht and for an insurance against our being turned juto a beleaguered forreas by strikes, fogs and alextraffic consession. The Old Rectory, Stratfield Saye

terrible communications the am still waiting and I have he no communication of any decription since the June promise In desperation during Octob wrote to them and same "Please say something if it is rupt." Even that failed to pro-

duce a response. Perhaps I am unlucky box there does seem to be a pattern of behaviour which leads quite a number of French customer to refuse to buy British. The problem is not just one of late delivery, it is more one of nor knowing what is happening.

That surely is a management problem and nothing to do with strikes and trade unions. Yours sincerely, JOHN L. WATSON,

Cipieres, 06620 Le Bar Sur Loup, France. December 5.

Qualifying

'engineer'

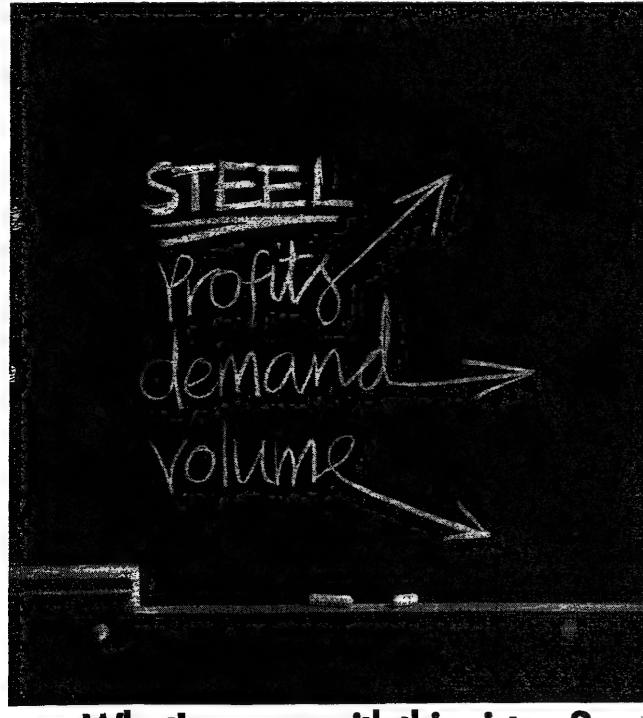
From Mr P. R. Brookman Sir, Since 1939 I have directed the affairs of our family business, making woodworking machinery. During that time we have made many hundreds of machines by curring, fash-ioning and joining cast fron, steel, brass and other metals. The products have used mechanical contraptions, those actuated hydraulically, and trose blown about by pueums tics. There is a fair chance that any of the better quality furniture, purchased by your readers since the war, will have included some small con-

tribution to its manufacture by a machine made by ourselves. When travelling abroad, I and my colleagues (and this goes as much for one of our to effect a repair, as for the tion manager) have always used, when completing those little cards some passport officers seem to require, the economic but explicit expresto describe sion "engineer" our occupation. Apparently we have been guilty of misrepre-sentation, because none of us has the qualifications Professor Sir Hugh Ford stipulates, in his letter to you, are needed to enjoy the description.

enjoy the description.

Exactly how I should now
describe myself is a problem.
Hitherto I have always
exchemed company director,
as being insufficiently explicit. Moreover those who use this with drinking and driving problems. Presumably we must resort to the time honoured description in engineering cir-cles—"ofly rag". Yours truly, P. R. BROOKMAN,

Director, R. S. Brookman Ltd. Rothley, Leicester LE7 7NS. November 25.



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Industry to get

civil servants seconded to dustry. At present the number moving from Whitehall on short service engagements is only in double figures. Mr Healey and for ladustry, are behind the drive to expand this number.

Talks will be held shortly with employers organizations and leading industrial companies to

lay the groundwork.
Sir Rouald McIntosh, the director general of the National Economic Development Office, said yesterday that the Neddy council discussed the shortage of skilled manpower. NEDO believes the situation may now be far more serious than

Vesting date set for aerospace

British Aerospace, the turing industry, is to take over the assets and businesses of the the assets and businesses of the British Aircraft Corporation, Hawker Siddeley Aviation, and Scottish Aviation on January 1, it was amnounced yesterday. From that date, British Aerospace will operate through two major groups—eircraft and dynamics—and the old aircraft company titles will disappear.

Co-op in superstore deal with Woolco

The Co-op—Britain's second largest superstore operator—is to open two more stores in the North-west on sites it has acquired from Wootco.

In a deal announced yesterday, F. W. Woodworth has sold to the Greener Impactation Co. to the Greater Lancastria Co-operative Society for en undis-closed sum its 103,000 sq ft Woolco store at Kirkby, on Merseyside and a hypermerket site with planning permission for a 90.000 sq ft store at Marton, Blackpool.

£28m EEC steel loans The EEC Commission has approved two loans worth £28m to the British Steel Corporation for projects in Scoeland. The bulk of these loans—some £24m —will go towards financing an iron ore direct reduction plant. at Hunterston, and the other 54m towards replacing the coke ovens at the Ravenscraig steel-

works.

Arab entry bar The Department of Trade warned businessmen that as from today they will not be allowed to enter the United Arab Emirates without a walld visa. The UAE also will no longer issue transit visus to visi-tors wishing to go on to other countries, such as Saudi Acabia New regulations came into

ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Interim Statement

ESTIMATED RESULTS TO Joth SEPTEMBER 1977

The following are the estimated and unaudited results of the Phoenix group of companies for the nine months ended 30th September 1977 with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 1976 and actual results for the full year 1976. It is again emphasised that interim figures cannot be taken as a reliable guide to resultator the full year.

	i months to 30.8.77	9 months to 30.9.76	Year 1075
Net premiuma written:	£m	£m	£m
Fire, accident, manne and aviation	253.7	242.4	323.4
Investment income	26.3	22.0	32.2
Underwriting profit:			
Fire, accident, marine and aviation.	0.8	-6.2	-9.4
2019g - 00(11)	1.3	1.3	1.8
	29.4	17.1	24.8
Lass expenses not charged to other accounts	0.8	0.9	0.1
Profit before taxation	27.5	16.2	24.5
Less: Taxation	10.2	·7.0	. 9.6
Minority interests	. 1.6	1.5	23
Net profit	15.7	7.7	12.6
Earnings per share, calculated on a weighted	Bio-Land		
sverage pass	26.2p	13.2p	21.5p

Note: Overseas currency transactions have been converted at rates of exchange appropriate to the periods in question. In converting US dollar transactions for the 9 months to 30th September 1977 a rate of \$1.75 has been used (\$1.67 for the 9 months to 30th September 1976 and \$1.70 for the year 1976).

GENERAL BUSINESS UNDERWRITING

The United States results have shown further improvement during the third quarter and at 30th September the profit of £0.9 million (operating ratio 96.9) compares with a loss of £4.8 million. (operating ratio 108.3) for the corresponding period in 1976. United Kingdom fire and accident business has a loss of ED.5 million (1976 £0.2 million) which

is a better result than at the half year.

Canada and Australia remain profitable but significant losses are reported from Belgium and the Netherlands.

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	NEW LONG-TERM BUSINESS	and the section of the contract	3.77.3
		9 months	9 months Year
		20.30,9.77	to 30.9.76 1976
		£m .	£m £m
-	New sums assured	876	809 1,194
	New annuities.	8.4	7.9 13.1
	New annual premiums	7.6	7.9 11.6
	New single premiums.	3.3	1.8 3.9

Note: These figures do not include the business of Property Growth Assurance Company Limited and Property Growth Pensions & Annuities Limited, which became subsidiaries with effect from

The largely unexpected about turn in interest rates two weeks ago has added an extra dimen-

sion to the problems that have been steadily crowding in on the bank credit card companies

Unhickely for them, these difficulties have come just at the time when Access and Barcleycard, the two credit card groups run by the major high street banks, had begun to look forward to a more promising future.

After a fairly hesitant corry

After a fairly hesitant cony
on the United Kingdom money
transmission scene, not helped
by the chunsy launch of the
Access scheme four years ago,
credit cards have now become

an accepted part of consumers'

with heavy start-up costs, especially in terms of computers, now mostly covered and indeed processing costs have virtually holved in money terms in the last three years—both credit card groups have at last started to make handsome profits on the back of this year's slide in interest rates.

Certainly, judged by return on capital employed, the clearers' card operations are now more than able to hold their heads up with the rest of the banks' ancillary finan-

While the banks are coy about divulging figures for their credit card operations because they are in such open competition, Barclaycard admits that it took five years before it moved into the black and in only four out of its 11 years of existence has it made a profit.

BARCLAYCARD

VISA

In contrast, Access moved into profits slightly more quickly than its projected five-year gestation and after break-

hig even last year is thought to be making profits at an annual rate of about 15m.

rate of about £5m.

Barcleycard itself will not cavil at estimates of its own profits of £7.£8m this year, though with every quarter point cut in its rate of interest reducing profits by perhaps £3m that level of profitability will not be maintained next year efter its two cuts in interest

efter its two cuts in interest from 2 to 1; per cent.

But the recent volatility in interest rates has started to cause the card groups rather more headaches. For most of this year there has been mounting pressure on the card com-

No sooner had the credit card companies responded to the fall in general interest rates than they found that the cost of their money had turned against them. Barchaycard injected a little than the companies of their money had turned against them.

in announcing rate changes it hooks as though Barchaycard will have to stay with its present level unless it finds an excuse

cial activities.

over the past few months.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Burton's long road back

uch Burton her turning the corner for such an unconscionable time now that it has been ead, tempting to conclude it will go into a flat spin before reaching the home straight. The new brooms that came in just over a year ago have, it is true, always maintained that mining the group round will be a long haul, Telling involving deep-seated changes in attitudes to do and marketing styles.

So what are the signs of a crossroads heing reached in yet another set of grisly full year figures? About the only real straw to be clurched at is the fact that the new management appears to have pushed every conceivable contingency into the 1976-77 figures which has led to an attributable loss of £13.6m against last year's deficit of £3.5m.

But this has been stacked up against an extra £2m depreciation charge since Burton realizes that it must refit menswear shops more frequently if it is to maintain a more fashionable image. Meanwhile, the group has already taken the knife to the manufacturing side-involving redundancy costs of \$4m. The hope now is that this is more in balance with the retail possibilities although cone further factory closure cannot be ruled

out this year. As it is, the purely trading background that improved slightly over the past year. Reduced losses overseas and in the office and leisure side (with the troubled Ryman a operation actually managing a small profit) are coupled with the strong showing of the womenswear which has offset further quite losses on menswear. The upshot is a £450,000 by for drop in the trading deficit to £1.49m. This mall tyear, has opened fairly uninspiringly with facture sales only 3 per cent ahead in the first 14 ricelies weeks but the group is talking of "modest" abroad profits in the first-half which probably and the means a trading profit for the year of

e of orperhaps £3m. his wa: Meanwhile, the property revaluation has for the thrown up a slightly higher surplus than production of £23m leaving shareholders' ng the funds at £125m and a still comfortable net passet figure of 338p a share. With the "A" tuire, & shares up 4p to 83p yesterday, after marked relative weakness of late, Burton is overnever valued on trading grounds and the yield of native 21 per cent is no comfort.

With enfranchisement at least a couple Profes of years away there is no immediate profes prospects of a bid opening up the asset needs, potential Still weak holders were flushed out ages ago and the shares offer some scope ould will the group does, as it now looks, manage

Pilkington

Carlotte and

Float glass sums for the future

Pikington Brothers licensing income from the flar-glass process accounts for £1.1m of E2m growth in pretax profits to £29.6m at the interim stage, But there is nothing so fur to indicate where the growth is going to come from to replace this source of income as it peaks and tails off in the early

High technology developments in optics, electro-optics and car windscreens have considerable potential but they are unlikely to match the success of float glass or to make a significant impression on a company the size of Pilkington

For the time, then, Pilkington remains shove all a flat glass producer. It is nearing he end of its own float plant programme. phase that has been built on the proceeds of the licensing income from other manufacturers.

These developments have been immensely costly and, in the case of the two most recent ones in Sweden and South Africa, completed at a time o facute economic problems. The marginal increase in overseas trading profits to £6.9m reflects these difficulties, but ultimately the nine plants in the world bould be producing a return equivalent to their cost, which averages around £50m per

Meanwhile, the company's statements that trading conditions are unlikely to change much suggests profits for the year of about 165m. This is not much help to the shares at 473p on a prospective fully-taxed p/e ratio of around 9 and yield of 3.7 per cent. But the dividend cover is likely to be above five times, so any further weakness after yesterday's 10p fall could mark a good buying opportunity.

Hanson Trust

The strategy still looks right

Hanson Trust is a patient hunter and it demonstrated as much recently by dropping a £25m cash bid for Lindustries at the first sign of a fight. Since then a £16m bid for the US Interstate food group seems to have been sufficient to satisfy the takeover appetite of Sir James Hanson's conglomerate.

As a result of this Iull in activity the group's cash balances in the UK have risen to £42m after a year in which pre-tax profits have risen from £19.2m to £24.4m which is much in line with expectations.

Debt, meanwhile, has fallen to £43m—most of it in the US—and, although around a quarter of UK funds are pledged against the American borrowings, Hanson believes its transatlantic operations are self-generating despite the cyclicality of some of its biggest

Hygrade has contributed in its first fullyear £6.3m out of a total from the US of £15m at the pre-tax profit level, while Carisbrook increased its figure by more than

a fifth to £5.4m. So, Hanson seems capable of making a quite sizable UK acquisition especially as the recent slight upturn in interest rates has done little to increase the logic of cash-

A series of smaller acquisitions may suit Hanson's strategy best and it has not gone unnoticed that Cosalt, Selincourt and Sidlaw. as well as Lindustries, have all been on the group's share shopping list.

Meanwhile Hanson's share price rose 2p to 150p yesterday at which it still affects reservations about the American growth strategy on a p/e ratio of under 73. The yield too is nothing special at 61 per cent, but it is the sort of share the market may well latch onto if Hanson is able to maintain this sort of consistency.



Runsome Hoffman Pollard, whose chairman, Mr John Eccles (above) took over this year from Sir William Barlow the new head of the Post Office, has completed its investment programme—and still there is no sign of any upturn in demand. Nevertheless RHP is in good shape; despite £6.5m of capital spending last year borrowings at £18.2m are only slightly over halt shareholders' funds and profits of £5.4m are better than the £5.3m of the previous year and not far short of the 1975 total

Help has come from the acquisition of MTE an electrical control company, without which profits from the original ball-bearings group would have fallen from £4.15m to £3.94m, last year. But given stiff international competition from the Japanese particularly, and static sales volume, that in itself, is a creditable performance.

RHP shares at 541p up 11p yesterday now pield 10.7 per cent on a dividend covered 21 times while the p/e ratio is only five. A rise in engineering output in the United Kingdom next year therefore, which accounts for 80 per cent of sales would bring the sort of profits which would justify a

substantial re-rating for the shares.

But that assumes quite a lot. The hard-pressed competition could prevent the benefits of better volume coming through by price cutting but with productivity gains from the recent investment, RHP is in a stronger position to meet this

Credit cards: discovering what the future holds

Ronald Pullen discusses factors which are inducing the credit card companies to reassess their operations

in sharply rising interest rates.
That is at best a mixed blessig for the rival Access group, which has so far not followed Barclaycard's lead on rates, since theoretically it could result in a significant loss of business in the important Christman. ness in the important Christmas period. At present it is taking a period. At present it is taking a fairly relaxed view, on the argument that its customers are fairly insensitive to small differences in rates and with only 16 to 17 per cent of the 6.7 million cardholders in this country holding both cards there is little immediate risk of a loss of business.

a loss of business. Where the different interest rate structure could start to baye an effect is in attracting new holders, since there will be a tendency for them to move to Barclaycard in preference to Access—though the borrowing profile of members is such that existing cardbolders tend to have more debt outstanding than new recruits.

What the split on rates may also be indicating, however, is not so much differing views on interest rates as a new stage in the development of cards in this country. To date, credit cards have tended to be regarded, even in the banks themselves as a nursely bank. themselves, as a purely bank-ing operation with insufficient artention being paid to the marketing implications.

Indeed, with most of the banking systems now working well, many now argue that the next hurdle is a purely marketing one. Tacit recognition of this seems already to have been made by National Westminster, which has decided to keep the core of its marketing operation in London rather than shift our to Southend lock, stock and barrel as the other members

of the Access group have done. This is largely because it feels the need to keep in closer touch with the branch network, its mein conduit for attracting new Customers.

ing pressure on the card com-panies to drop their rates in line with the general fall in inverest rates and, with alterna-tive methods of borrowing like personal loans and hire pur-chase companies gradually reducing their rates, there has been a real danger of their losing the business they have steadily built up in recent years. The outstanding debt represented by the credit card groups now equals about a tenth of all hire purchase commitments. Problematic interest changes are, the card com-panies are nevertheless happy enough with their penetration of the money transmission of the money transmission market Credit card purchases are rusning at more than f1,000m a year, roughly aquiva-lent to helf a per cent of the value of all money transactions.

Over the next 10 to 15 years

Over the next 10 to 15 years the companies are confidently predicting that this proportion will rise to 2!-3 per cent.

As they have already done in the United States, the cards have begun to percolate down the social scale and the companies are increasingly baving to advertise to overcome maditional working class reservations about bank credit. For all that, developments

this year could still force fundamental changes in the way the credit card companies operate. Most important has been the Monopolies Commisinvestigation into the relationship between the card companies and their retail out-

Barcksycard injected a little more competition into the market last month by undercuting Access's 13 per cent a month rate by a quarter of a point, but it now finds itself in something of a cleft stick since the cost of its borrowed money has shot up by around a quarter—it borrows from the parent bank at a margin over interbank rate. This was largely prompted by Should it decide to reise its rates again it will lose face, so in view of the costs involved criticisms of garage owners, who claimed that the card companies were operating a monopoly in forcing them not to discriminate against card holders.

While neither side is likely to

Economic notebook

The snake has another attack of hiccups

familiar look of one of the old filling this aim. westerns that television stations serve up on public holidays. The flow of funds out of the dollar has concentrated once again on the Deutsche mark. The West German Federal Bank's efforts at intervention have been only partly success the credit card groups and with ful in stemming the mark's some justification) the card upwards movement. As a companies may well have to result the "snake' or rather

"an important economic and political stabilizing factor for

its participants and other countries not directly involved with

Dr Apel can produce fairly

convincing arguments to sup-port the view that the dollar is at present undervalued against the mark and, if one accepts this thesis, it is easier to under-

stand the West German Govern-ment's political decision to stand by the snake.

important economic and poli-tical stabilizing factor as Dr Apel claims? Not only does it seem to slide into crisis every

four to five months, but it seems

that the methods of interven-

tion used by snake central banks over the past week helped to fuel the flow of dollars into

According to the foreign ex-

change market certain of the

smaller snake central banks, in particular the Belgian National

Bank, were busy selling dollars on the market at the same time

that the Federal Bank in Frank-

furt was intervening by purchas-

ing dollers on a large scale to prevent the United States cur-rency falling too sharply against

The action of the smaller

ful in that the dollars sold in Brussels and Amsterdam pre-sumably found their way in

Frankfurt and sooner rather

The West German Federal

Bank once wrote that dollar interventions by the partners in the snake were intended mainly to maintain "orderly

Flow of 'hot'

money

But is the snake today an

the scheme.

what remains of the European currency "float", has deve-loped acute pains in its stomach and back as the mark reconsider whether they should charge the merchant at all. In that case, the card com-panies would have to look at an idea they have so far flatly rejected—either to introduce a standing charge for cardioiders has moved to its upper intervention points and the Dutch guilder, Belgian franc and or to charge them a sliding scale amount related to their Danish and Norwegian crowns have fallen to their floors or thereabouts against the German At the same time, the card синтепсу.

groups are conscious of the big advantage enjoyed by card-holders from making full use of As at various times in the past the West German govern-ment has felt obliged to pronounce on developments in the foreign exchange market. This the free credit period, since at present this is effectively sub-sidizing those who run a debit balance. Whether British custo-mers will accept the practice of some United States banks, like time it fell to Dr Hans Apel, the Bonn finance minister, to declare on Tuesday that the dollar's fall against the mark was not justified, that Bonn would stand by the "make" and that this reminder of plans Citibank, which actually charge customers who pay on time, is more doubtful. for European economic and monetary union represented So far the impositions of the

be happy with what has hap-pened in the United States,

where retailers are legally bound to show two prices—a cash and 'credit card one— should the commission conclude

that credit cards do raise the

price of goods (a contention naturally opposed vigorously by

So far the impositions of the Consumer Credit Act have largely washed over the card companies, who are by and large reasonably happy to accept the legal responsibilities for faulty goods that the Act charges them with, though the extra costs for printing and so on (Barclaycard estimates they have cost it £1m) are another matter.



Much more fundamental, however, is the role that the credit cords are likely to play in the development of elec-tronic banking systems. In a recent paper on trends in elec-tronic payments systems, Mr Gordon Hague, of Lloyds Bank, suggested that credit cards could well become redundant in a full point-of-sale terminal system and that substantial sav-ings could be made in doing away with all the processing and accounting equipment used in the development of elecand accounting equipment used

held view among the clearers, it is nevertheless widely expected that credit cards will in the future be multi-service cards, acting as cheque guarantee cards, point-of-sale cards and so on-hence Barclaycard's present altercation with Euro cheque over the latter's insist-ence that Barclaycard should not also act as a cheque guaran-

While that is not a generally

The more these services are wrapped into one card, howthe more this encourage: fraudulent use and at present the card companies are working on ways to improve security by means of voice security by means of voice prints, photographs or even Orwellian it may sound, but

the time is coming when no one will be able to afford to be without some form of plastic The past week on the foreign bot money into the mark exchange markets has had the appears a peculiar way of jul-

In fairness one must point out that if the intervention within the snake had been limited to the buying and selling of member currencies at the respective intervention points, the Federal Bank in Frankfurt would probably still have ended up with an increase in its dollar reserves.

But the increase would have been part of an orderly transfer of funds from the currency re-serves of the smaller central banks to the Federal Bank through the European Fund for Monetary Cooperation. It could not take place until the end of January next year at the earliest, by which time the present bout of currency unrest mich, have been a thing of the

If the methods used to regulate the snake are peculiar, in is the institution itself. Since Sweden left at the end of August the two remaining Scandinavian members, Norway and Deumark, have increasingly looked the old men out.

Morway and Denmark depend more on the Swedish export market than that of West Ger-many and since August have had to watch Seeden entering a downward spiral of currency de-preciation and inflation, while heir own currencies have re mained pegged against the mark in the snake,

Domestic policies

The governments in Oxlo and Copenhagen regard the float as a valuable disciplinary correct their domestic stabilization policies. But as inflation in Norway and Denmark (at 9.4 per cent and 16.1 per cent in the 12 months to September) is nearer to the Swedish level of 13.4 per cen than West Germany's 3.7 per cent, it is not surprising that industrialists and bankers in the two Scandinavian snake canitals have been urging the withdrawal of the Norwegian and Danish crowns from the joint float.

The relationship between the Benelux states and West Germany appears more stable. Germany is she'r major trading partner and their inflation rates 16.3 per cent in the Netherlands and 6.5 per cent in Belgium) are not so greatly out of line with Germany's 3.7 per cent.

Paradoxically, the present weakness of the dollar probably provides tice best argument for iolding on to the snake, despite its contradictions and peculiari-

Monetary officials in Europe rencies and keep them within decline in the deline's value range of the mark, but unhelp- owes a good deal to the ful in that the dollars sold in sationalist monetary policy of Brussels and Amsterdam pre- the United States.

The breik-up of an inter-national institution like the snake would be a poor adver-tisement if the United States is to come under increased European pressure to cooperate more closely in international monetary affairs.

Peter Norman

mainly to maintain "orderly conditions" on the dollar market increasing the flow of

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Business Diary: Changes in the air • Price cuts

Rumours are strong among the 60,000 workers in British Airways that changes are on their way at the top of their executive tree.

way at the mp of their executive tree.

They are being brought about by the iliness of chairman and chief executive Sir Frank McFadzeau, the former Shell chairman, who wishes to break with the state airline, but is being prevailed upon by the Government to give at least a couple of days of his rime each week for the present.

Sir Frank, who had a heart attack in the autumn, is definitely giving up the chief executive part of his job. This will go to Koss Stainton, British Airways deputy chairman, who

Airways deputy chairman, who has been running the airline in the chairman's lengthy absence The Government had second thoughts about promoting Stainton after his comments in New York two weeks ago that British Airways would have to buy American airliners because British Aerospace could not come up with them, but this hiccup has now been overcome. As a career airline man—he began work as a 15 bob-a-week traffic trainee at Croydon airport—Scainton will be a popular man at the top, at least among the old BOAC people in British Airways the two British Airways (he was EOAC's last chairman and chief

executive before the merger with BEA in 1972). He is, however, 63, so the strline; already suffering from a weker of changes at the top in its short history, will be looking for a successor in only

The long-established Shef-field-based Catlery and Silver-nare Association is ruising an cyebrow, no more, at a move



by John Price, head of cutlers Arthur Price of England, to form a splinter organization apparently dedicated to the abolition of all cutlery imports. To this end the Birminghamand the like. based Price is planning a meet-

imports over the next five years.

dent, freely admits that almost

every British manufacturer imports cutlery. "There is no

way any manufacturer in the

United Kingdom or the western

world can compete when he can buy the finished product for the same price as the raw

Brian Viner, the CSA's presi-

British manufacturers have only 10 per cent of the home ing at Sheffield next week. His market of stainless steel flatmain objection, it seems is that The remainder too many CSA people are Ware. importing cutlery—while at the same time pressing for a 50 per cent cut in stainless cutlery imported.

the only way they could stay

He thinks that a total ban on cutlery imports, though

Fields Association.

It will be held at Christie's next Monday and Hignert is hoping that the proceeds, plus

For those who sneer at importing British manufac-turers, Viner points to Germany, where the manufacturers allowed the stores to import first. "The German manufacturers soon found themselves forced into importing. It was

cash donations, will exceed £6,000—more than enough for two adventure playgrounds for the association. The roll-can of institutions giving wine or cash reads like a Who's Who of the City. It includes all the Accept-

they have been quaffing the stuff. In fact, they have been collecting wine for an auction

in aid of the National Playing

prominently in the list-and more than two dozen bottles of Californian wines will come

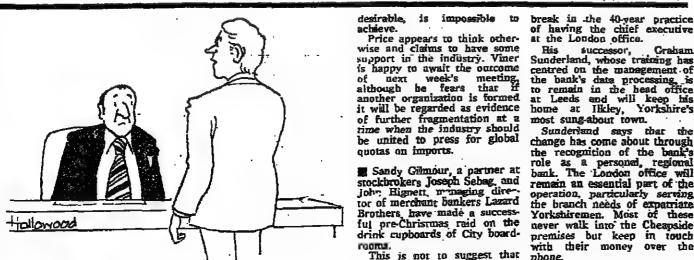
of having the chief executive His successor, Graham Sunderland, whose training has centred on the management of the bank's data processing is

to remain in the head office at Leeds and will keep his home at Ilkley, Yorkshire's most sung-about town. Sunderland says that the change has come about through

the recognition of the bank's role as a personal, regional bank. The Lordon office will remain an essential part of the the branch needs of expatriate Yorkshiremen. Most of these never walk into the Cheapside premises but keep in touch with their money over the

During his 14 years as general manager, Muxlow has had close links with the Square Mileboth as a warden of St Maryle-Bow and as a backer in, but perhaps not of, the City.

Trust Houses Forte is hoping that Concorde will give a fillip to trade at the Summit bar and restaurant on the 14th floor of its St George's Hotel in the West End. The introduction of of gin, Noilly Prat, orange curacoo, orange bitters, lemon



"Doesn't the fact that I handle the company's fire insurance make me a special case?

> material here", he said. Less than 30 per cent of imports goes to British manufacturers. The rest goes direct to discount houses, stone groups

under the hammer.

City. It includes all the Accepting Houses—or their parent companies—and there is a mid Singapore means, THF says, beavy sprinkling of stock brokers, The clearing banks are also represented.

American banks figure and the event, a new Concorde cocktail has been added to the hotel's list of drinks. Consisting

under the nammer.

Cedric "Ted." Muxlow's THF adds, be shaken not retirement as general manager of the Yorkshire Bank marks a

GUILDHALL PROPERTY COMPANY LIMITED

Salient points from the Accounts and Statement by Mr. R. W. Diggens, OBE, the Chairman

- Progress during the year to 30th June, 1977, has been much as forecast. Rents receivable rose by 11.8% to £718,000 and profit before tax showed an increase of 14.5% to £545,000. Reserves also showed an increase of just under 10% to a figure of £1,422,000.
- During the year we re-let on satisfactory terms two factories, vacant at this time last year. We are currently carrying out improvements to one factory prior to re-letting and negotiations are already in progress with an intending tenant. Apart from this we had no other voids at the year end.
- At the end of the financial year we had three residential properties which have since been sold for £853,000. After providing for taxation our capital reserve will be increased by about £58,000. We intend to re-invest in property similar to our main portfolio, and hope to show a better and improving return for a less onerous liability.
- Since my statement last year there have been some slight improvements in the general business climate, but it is still difficult to predict our fortunes. After taking account of increases in the rent roll of the industrial properties and consequential adjustments arising from the sale of the residential properties, I anticipate a pre-tax profit of about £575,000. This would be sufficient after tax and dividends (increased by the presently permitted 10%) to provide retained profits similar to this year and take our total reserves over £11 million.

Comparative results	1977	1976	1975
Rents receivable	2718,006	£642,104	£565,414
Profit before tax	2544,635	£475,458	£410,853
Profit after tax	£279,775	£239,579	£216,365
Profit retained	£121,814	296,563	£84,329

FINANCIAL NEWS

Strong going by HP offshoot helps N Foods top hopes

strong growth of the previous two years. Northern Foods, the Hull-based liquid milk, baking and brewing group, has never-theless managed to beat expectations with pre-tax profits rising 18 per cent to £17.9m.

These have been slightly swollen it is true, by the inclusion of Fox's Biscuits for four months, worth some 25m to turnover and £250,000 to earnings, and a £300,000 profit on the sale of its Tollemache & Cobbold stake. But against the background of declining milk sales, what the group has lost in the 2½ per cent volume drop (against 3 per cent nationally) it has made up for in price rises, to leave liquid sales some 7 per cent ahead.

For the rest, with milk manufacturing under margin pres-sure, milling and baking barely ahead and brewing affected by the poor summer, it has been left to the hire-purchase sub-sidiary to provide most of the momentum. Here lower interest rates and increased business have resulted in a 45 per cent advance to £1.45m. For the current year, milk

of Northern Foods.

sales which account for three-fifths of total turnover are pick-ing up, although a question mark is posed by the implica-tions of the possible changed status of tehe Milk Marketing Board from the start of next year, beking is shaping up well and business in the HP group is 50 per cent ahead. With in-terest costs falling, too, North-ern Foods looks to be heading for £21½m in the current year. sales which account for three

J Williams' rights in leap to over £900,000

By Bryan Appleyard John Williams of Cardiff, the steel stockholders, foundry and building products group, announces a £567,000 rights issue and pre-tax profits up from £744,000 to £911,000 in the

year to September 30. The profits growth was achieved with turnover up from £16.7m to £18.4m and the board reports that all three divisions increased their profits.

The rights issue offers three new shares for every eight existing and is pitched at a price of 30p. It coincides with the news that the Welsh Development Agency is investing film via a stake in a new Williams foundry subsidiary. In addition another £800,000 is now available in grants. able in grants.

The board say these developments put the company in "an extremely strong position" and they have consequently obtained Treasury permission for a dividend increase for the current year from 3.3p to 4.17p

The shares rose 2p to 42p yesterday to give an ex-rights price of 39p where they yield prospectively 10.7 per cent.

BRENT WALLE New stropping development, Oxford Walk on site of old Wool-worth's at 150-154 Oxford Street, W.1, almost 80 per cent let.

Wagon Ind up 25pc though margins slip

Shropshire-based Wagon Industrial Holdings turns in a 25 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £1.5m for the six months to September 30.

Turnover of this storage systems, wagon repairing, plastics, hydraulies and road signs group, expanded from £12.6m to £16.1m while margins shipped slightly from 9.7 to 9.6 shipped slightly from 9.7 to 9.6 per cent. Earnings a share are 8.0p against 6.5p and the directors declare an interim dividend of 4.5p gross compared with 3.7p. The directors also expect at least to maintain last year's final dividend of 6.6p

Wagon's results also include wagon's results and mewcomer Amocks Lairn Group, which designs and makes quality furniture for commercial and industrial use with operating subsidieries at High Wycombe

and Sheerness. This contriburion amounted to a turnover of £892,000 with profits amounting to £117,000 for the 14 weeks

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from June 15. In September Mr Charles Smith, group chairman, said in his annual statement that after last year's setback he believed the group would resume its forward progress in the current year. Now in his statement with the latest figures, Mr. Smith says the first-half results show the expected improvement. This encouraging per-formance was achieved during a time when the expected resurgence in market demand

failed to appear.

In spite of this situation and without hope of any marked change in the short term, Mr. Smith believes the final profits of the group will reflect a substantial improvement over

Malayalam stays cool

By Desmond Quigley
Melaysiam Plantations (Holdings), which is fighting off a
23p a share bid from McLeod
Description of the value of Russel, says that the value of the bid is only equal to the group's United Kingdom assets and the potential remistances of earnings from India for last year and the current financial

year.
Mr Frederick Herper, chairman of Makayalam, said the

for the reparation of £1.6m in relation to last year's profits. On the assumption that this year's profit is not very dissimilar to last year's and was fully remitted, the bid did not place remitted, the tot the restrict valuation on the company's Indian estates. Among the United Kingdom assets is Malayalam's 2.8 per cent holding in Harrisons' Malaysian



Union Corporation Group **Gold Mines**

Points made in the Statements by the Chairmen Mr. E. Pavitt and Mr. L. W. P. van den Bosch

- Increased fabrication demand and weaker dollar strengthen gold market.
- * 1978 gold outlook improved following removal of restraints on central banks.
- * 11 shift formight and high labour turnover reduce productivity.
- * Emphasis continues on better utilisation of men and machines.

Results for the year ended 30th September 1977 (compared with results for previous year)

Name of Company	Tons	Gold	Net	Dividends	Oto R	eserves
	Milled '000	produced Kg	Profit R'000	cents per share	Tons '000	Value gms/ton
Eracken	866 (1,018)	6,010 (7,687)	4,133 (5,738)	25 (35)*	1,400 (1,700)	8.7 (9.3)
Kinross	1,490 (1,494)	11,394 (11,122)	9,255 (12,752)	(32)	4,900 (5,300)	9.3 (9.3)
Leslie	897 (1,230)	4,221 (5,677)	604 (2,479)	3 (14)†	1,600 (2,300)	7.4 (7.0)
St. Helenz	2,090 (2,260)	21,345 (26,052)	24,976 (34,828)	115 (170)	7,700 (9,300)	16.1 (14.8)
Winkelheak	2,025 (2,015)	15,895 (15,416)	12,900 (11,667)	86 (76)	6,300 (6,700)	10.4 (9.4)

Ore reserves are those calculated at a gold price of R4,200 per kilogram (U.S. \$150 per ounce) for 1977; R3,500 per kilogram (U.S.\$125 per ounce) for 1976.

*Includes 10 cents capital repsyment | †Includes 5 cents capital repsyment

Briefly

West Rand final higher than hoped

West Rand Consolidated, a gold and uranium which is receiving state assistance, has doubled its final dividend to 10 cents a share—considerably higher than most estimates.

Buffelsfontein, another mine in the General Mining Group, has raised its final from 40 to 60 cents, making a total dis-tribution of 150 cents against 90 cents. Stilfontein has main-The coal companies, Clydesdale and Trans-Natal, have also both increased their dividends.

LOAN TO PORTUGAL

The Exports Credits Guarantee Department has provided the guarantee of repsyment and funding for a \$5.1m loan which Baring Brothers Co Limited, acting on behalf of the Bank of Scotland, has made available to Petroleos de Portugal EP (Petrogal) of Lisbon, The additional contract is for the supply of materials and for the supply of materials and services for an extension to the oil refinery at Sines, 90 miles south of Lisbon.

DIMPLEX INDUSTRIES Receiver has succeeded in religing part of assets and business of main sub, Dimplex Led to Gien. Electric. But already clear that assets will not allow any payment

PROVIDENT LIFE Reversionary bonness for 1977 on with profits policies in the Participating Fund at same rates as in year before.

CITY HOTELS GROUP Company selfing Moorana Hotel, Gloncester Road, London for 1425,000 cash. In first 45 weeks of year Moorana made £47,000 before interest and tax.

BARNAGORE JUTE Accounts for year to March 31 delayed. Annual meeting convened for Dec 29 to conform with Companies Act will have proposal for adjournment. Accounts will be sent out at least 21 days before adjourned meeting.

LOW & BONAR To increase potential of Humber-oak Offshore, owned jointly by Low & Bonzr, and Humberoak Group, Lincoln, half capital bought by Sir Robert McAlpine, Company to be called McAlpine Humberoak.

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Profit before tax-£'000

Kinross Mines Limited

During 1976 the No. 2 shaft was commissioned, The equipping of stations from 12 to 15 level is now complete but development has been hampered by Intersections of water. Following extensive cementation operations the quantity is decreasing and encouraging progress is now being made. The first intersection of reef should be made during April 1978. The higher pay limit due to higher working costs has resulted in lower ore reserve estimates than in previous years. However, now that No. 2 shaft has been completed development on reef in the area will improve the reserve position and considerably increase the life of the mine.

Winkelhaak Mines Limited

Development from No. 2 sub inclined shaft on 17,18 and 19 levels has encountered severely faulted ground but has nevertheless made good progress. Further to the north-east, some 3,000 metres from No. 2 shaft in the area under option from U.C. Investments, a surface borehole intersected the Kimberley Reef at a depth of 2,066 metres with an average value of 20.9 grams per ton over a width of 24 centimetres. Development values in the northern block have matched expectations and continue to be encouraging. Three prospect winzes are being sunk in order to test the extent of ore reserves below 22 level in the No. 5 shaft area.

Leslie Gold Mines Limited

The directors have given the Minister of Mines the required statutory three months' notice of the possible closure of mining operations. However, it is intended to continue operations for as long as possible. An application has been submitted to the Government Mining Engineer for classification as a State assisted mine, but as yet no reply has been received. Such assistance could result in an extension of the profitable life of the mine.

Taking into account the continuing increase in costs and the low grade of ore reserves, it is probable that the directors will have no alternative but to discontinue mining operations in the coming year should State assistance not be granted.

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Bracken Mines Limited

Taking account of the continuing increases in costs, the dwindling reserves of ore and the fact that development is at a minimum, it is estimated that the mine will continue production for approximately two years. As there are only minimal amounts of marginal ore available, even if the gold price should stabilise at a price of \$160 per ounce, the life of the mine is unlikely to be extended.

St. Helena Gold Mines Limited

As indicated in last year's statement operations moved into lower grade areas to the east and south which, being deeper and hotter, were more difficult and costly to work. The pillars in the older areas yielded a higher grade but a limited tonnage. The consequences have been a reduced gold output through lower grades and reduced tonnage. In the last few years St. Helena has moved from being a high grade to a medium grade mine and in future will be considerably more sensitive to fluctuations in the price of gold and increases in costs.

The new reduction works is operating satisfactorily and since March 1977 has been treating ore from underground.

Unisel Gold Mines Limited

At the end of the financial year the shaft had reached a depth of 1,940 metres below surface which is 37 metres short of the final planned depth. Work on surface has progressed satisfactorily and the railway line to the St. Helena reduction works has been completed.

During the past year underground progress has fallen further behind schedule, partly due to difficult ground conditions on 9 level. The revised programme calls for the equipping of the shaft to be completed by the end of June 1978 and development to commence thereafter. Trial stoping is planned for the first quarter of 1979 and full production for November 1979. This delay, together with the continued high rate of inflation, has increased estimates of capital expenditure to some R73 million. It is intended that the additional funds will be raised as loans. This figure excludes certain items. estimated at approximately R11 million, which will be financed out of working profits.

Copies of the full reports of the gold mining companies (all of which are incorporated in the Republic of South Africa) for the year ending 30th September 1977 are available from the London Secretaries, Union Corporation (U.K.) Limited, 95 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7BS.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Economic cheer for equities and gilts

borrowing, the money supply gained further strength from its note of firmness to the and fixed interest pitches. In both markets most of the business was transacted in the first two hours of trading though for both there was still a majority of plus signs by the end of the day.

as the expected loss was discounted and dealers took heart

Long-dated gilts quickly from a rather better than expec-went ahead by as much as ted forecast. Other big names five-eighths of a point enabling forther sales of the long "tap." where the rise was 7p to 370p, which rose one-eighth to and Beechams which ended 8p to the good at 648p. f90.25. Dealers described the buying as reasonable and by the close most species were still a quarter to three-eighths ahead with the bank lending figures as a sustaining factor. But the early exhaustion of the short "tap" at f94.75 subdued that end of the market as dealers contemplated the as dealers contemplated the prospect of a replacement later in the week. Closing lossess were around one-eighth of a point, most stocks having been one quarter better than that

Firm since last month's bullish interim profits, Carlton Indus-tries saw another flurry of interest, the shares rising 3p to 151p. For some months speculators have been expecting London Merchant Securities to make a bid for the 20 per cent is does not own and the word n that a move may not be far

The FT Index was up 5.5 by 11 am as investors took some limited encouragement from the background of economic news. Thereafter interest of the miners' executive keep-ing investors on the sidelines.

At 485.3, the lodex was 3.3 better by the close.

Aong the big-name industrial shares Pilkington dipped 10p to 473p after a cheerless trading statement with EMI continuing previous day, gaining another 8p to 261p with Unilever up 12p to 550p in the hope that a link with National Starch will enable it to boost its dividend. Burton 'A' rose 4p to 83p

Trust & Agency returned after the offer from Charterhouse Japhet to end at 161p, up 13p, while demand in a thin market helped Jefferson Smurfit to rise 6p to 176p. The lack of further takeover news

lowered Federated Chemical 3p to 73p.
In the building sector Armitage Shanks eased a penny to 67p after figures, while BPB were 3p to the good at 240p after news of the freeing of plasterboard sales. In front of tigures due today International Timber was supported at 119p, a gain of 4p. Dividend news lifted Irish Distillers 11p to 95p

while Low & Bonar were raised

6p to 169p by news of an off-shore deal. The banking figures lifted the clearers with gains of 3p from Lloyds at 285p, National West-minster at 285p, and Barclays at 335p. Figures from Phoenix did little for the shares at 2620 in a subdued insurance sector. Equity turnover on December 6 was £77.61m (12,995 bargains).

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graph active stocks yesterday were GEC, BAT, Ind, ICI, EMI, Shell, BP, Commercial Union new, Reed International, GKN,

Thus W. Ward rested at 53p but Tunnel Cement wherein Ward has nearly 30 per cent rose 6p to 252p. Only a week ago they were less than 230p. One or two brokers are suggesting that the time for a Ward been heard before and like other stories of its kind, it is taking time to come right.

Tube Inv, Pilkington Bros, Mills & Allen, Northern Foods and

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Company	Sales	Profits	Earmings	Div	Pay	Year's
Int or Fin	Em	£m	per share	pemer	date	total
	18.9(16.8)	0.92(0.92)	 ()	1.98(1.95)	3/4	—(4.2)
	2.3(1.9)	0.02(0.02)		0.61(0.61)	_	—(I.4)
	-(-·)	0.10(0.03)	—(—)	—(—)	_	-(-)
	-() .	—(—)	-(-)	60(40)	_	-(-)
Burton Gp (F) -	-(-)	5.08(2.4a)		0.9(0.6)		1.5(2.14)
Coalite (I) 3	30.2(25.8)	6.5(4.9)	—(—)	0.93(0.34)	24/2	-(0.7)
	-()	0.01a(0.07a)	0.54a(2.0a)	-(-)	==	—(NII)
J. A. Devenish (P) 1		1,4(1.3)	18.9(17.2)	3.9(3.6)	26/1	5.9(5.2)
	1.6(1.3)	0.07(0.05)	5.51(4.18)	2.9(2.9)	==	4.4(4.4)
	9.0(7.9)	0.46(0.17)	5.2(6.0)	1.13(1.0)	30/1	(2.5)
	—(—)	0.09(0.13)	—(—)	1.40(1.40)		—(3.0)
	477.0(332.0)	24.4(19.2)	20.3(15.1)	3.5(3.1)	3/2	6.2(5.6)
Hensher (F)	4.7(6.7)	0.55(0.39)	5.6(4.0)	1.0(1.0)	10/1	—(1.0)°
Kean & Scott (F)	0.48(0.66)	0.05(0.01)	8.6(3.1)	NII(NII)	-	
	1.0(0.87)	0.02(0.019a)	—(_)	NA(NA)		—(NII)
	232.3(206.9)	17.9(15.1)	11.84(9.97)	2.10(1.78)	24/2	3.10(2.78)
NSS News (F) 4		3.1(2.3)	10.51(7.44)	1.4(1.3)	14/2	2.1(1.9)
	-(-)	3.25(0.87)	—(—)	2.5(2.5)	_	3.75(2.5)
	-(-)	27.5(16.2) 29.6(27.6)	26.3(13.2)	-() := 76/= 1\	=	-(9.2) -(10.4)
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			8.3(8.5)	1.0(3.8)	27/1	-(3.8)
	0.95(0.61)	0.01a(0.02)	_;_;	NU(0.35)		-(0.7)
Shaw & Mrvn (1) (Stilfonteinc (F)		—(—)	_}_{	11(11)	_	22(22)
Torobail Scott (I)	-(-)	_;_;	=1=1	4.0(4.0)	_	—(9.1)
Vic Carpet (1) 6	6.0(4.8)	0.01a (0.02)	_{{ <u></u> {}}_{{}}_{{}}}	0.43(0.43)	23/2	-(1.4)
	16.1(12.6)	1.5(1.2)	8.0(6.5)	3.0(2.5)	24/3	-(6.8)
	0.80(0.73)	0.02(0.02)	-(-)	0.2(0.2)	11/1	-(0.4)
	—(—)		-()	10(5)		13(10)
Whessee (F)	49.9(41.4)	3.4(2.8)	-1-1	2.8(2.49)	28/1	4.6(4.12)
Wheway Wats (I) 5		0.28(0.20)	_{	0.35(0.27)	6/1	-(0.7)
J. Williams (F)	18.4(16.6)	0.91(0.74)	8.57(7.13)	1.39()		2.19(1.97)
Dividends in this is			nice per share.		miness !	
are shown on a gr	oss basis. To e	stablish gross m	uitiply the net	dividend by 1.51	5. Pro	offits are shown

Fear of coal shortage stokes Coalite

Fear of a possible miners' strike has helped to boost interim profits at Coalite & Chemical Products.

In the half to September 30 last, group turnover rose 17 per cent from £25.8m to £30.2m lifting pre-tax profits from a pre-vious 15m to 16.5m.

rise as did the restocking of the depleted winter fuel levels.

There was a smell price increase at the beginning of April but this was all but discounted by the summer rebate. Although this ended on October 1, margins are unlikely to be influenced in the second half because

group profits. Char The group has not yet had lags.

levels, according to Mr Charles
Needham, managing director.
The prospect of industrial action
by the miners coupled with a
poor summer contributed to this
rise as did the restocking of the
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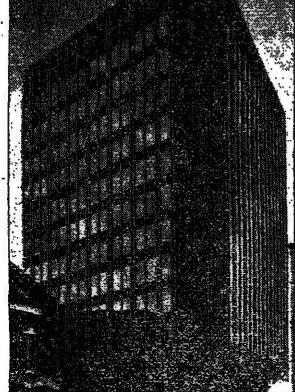


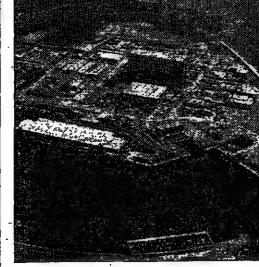
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Summary of Results

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Year er	ided Una	udited Six r	nonths
31st Ma		to 30th Sep	
1977			1976
7,849	Turnover £000	4,192	3,626
946	Profit before tax £000	425	381
11.20p	Earnings per Ordinary share of	25p 5.00p	4.30p
	Dividend per Ordinary share of		

2.68p 25p (net) 1.52p 1.33p 4.2 Dividend cover (times) 3.2 3_3

Statement by the Chairman Sir Robin Brook, C.M.G., O.B.E.

"I am pleased to be able to report that we have earned good profits for the six months to 30th September 1977, as compared with the first half of the previous year. Business has continued at a satisfactory level and although some of our compaigs are still short of orders, as a Group our order bank is considerably higher than at this time last year."

Copies of the 1977 Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, Carelo. Engineering Group Limited, Hightown Road, Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire BD19 5JU. Telephone: 0274 875700.

BREMNER & COMPANY LIMITED General Warehousemen

STATEMENT FOR HALF YEAR TO 31ST JULY, 1977 The Directors have declared an Interim Dividend of 1.015 pence per share (1976—1 pence per share) which, together with associated tax credit, is equivalent to a gross dividend of 6.15% (1976—6.15%). This dividend will be paid on 26th January, 1978 to shareholders on the Register of Members at 23rd December, 1977.

The results for the Half Year to 31st July, 1977 based

on unaudited Accounts are :	arst Jma, 12	// Dased
	1977 £	1976 E
Profit before Taxation	195,777 104,622	237,793 126,500
Net Profit after Taxation	91,155 56,028	111,293 55,200

The tax charge for the current half year is calculated at 52% (1976—52%). The provision shown is the total estimated tax liability of the Company. Advance Corporation Tax already paid during the period is £79,622 (1976—577,780)

The amount of interest earned in the period under review was £63.759 and due to the fall in interest rates compared with the previous year, the amount for the full year will be significantly less than last year's total.

Whilst turnover had been maintained, less favourable trading conditions together with rusing costs have had an adverse effect upon profits for the first six months. It will depend, therefore, upon the extent of the Christmas trade whether the fall will be minimised.

BREMNER & CO., LIMITED 44 Glassford Street; Glasgow G1 1UW

FINANCIAL NEWS

Whessoe aims still higher after 20pc advance to over £3.4m

With the exception of the light engineering side, Whessoe has kept up the pressure over the year to September 24 and has beaten last year's record pretax profit with a near-20 per cent jump to £3.4m. A fine order book and improved margins pushed up profits by 42 per cent at half-time, and Lord Erroll, chairman, said that a bumper result for the year was on the way. This hone was ful-filled with a leap of 96 per cent in profits for the second half, which brought in £2.17m.

The group managed a 20 per cent rise in sales with margins holding steady at 6.8 per cent. holding steady at 6.8 per cent. New orders were about £2m better than last year's record £50m and were more evenly soread. Lord Erroll says that the current year has started with a much improved order book. With this in mind, and with the important reservation about the prospect of new off-

Fresh mix in

New store openings and the wider margins steeming from an improved sales mix combined to lift pre-tax profits at NSS Newsagents by 37 per cent to £3.16m on a sales rise of a fiftch in the year to Cutober 2.

Despite the uncertainties arising from the new tobacco dury structure. NSS looks

arising from the new tobacco duty structure. NSS looks capable of a twelfth year of unbroken growth. The number of stores has been increased by 18 to 390 since the year-end and the board, headed by Mr. P. H. Byam-Cook, plans to open a further 40 to 50 new outlets before next October. The net cost is likely to be about fim which should be covered easily The 13-day Mirror Group strike is not expected to have a significant effect on profits this time, despite the temporary

this time, despite the temporary absence of its high circulation

absence of its man circulation titles, while the stores opened in 1976-77 (six new shops and 38 established businesses) should now be thaking their full contribution. In addition, the introduction of higher margin

introduction of mener margin products such as records, hard-backs and fancy goods through-out the stores portfolio still has some way to go, while there is still plenty of scope to extend the group's light coverage in the North-East, East Anglia and the densely populated South-

A fined dividend of 2.149p hoists the total to the maximum permitted 3.215p gross a share.

new stores

hoist NSS

By Ray Maughan



probability that the coming year will bring a resumption of o dering for nuclear power sta-English Card Clothing dropped 5p yesterday to 90p after a slight fall in pre-tax profits at £1.01m in the six months ended October 1. Earntions and looks for further opportunities for the group Over the past year the bulk

profits was again brought or profits was again orought in by the heavy engineering side. Pre-tax profits went up 22.6 per cent to £2.38m. At half time this section had attracted over 70 per cent of new orders, which were already ahead of the £27.6m brought in for the whole of the previous

The Airon division has also done well, with profits rising 22 per cent to £1.7m. The light engineering division ran into more difficult trading condi-tions, and its profits fell 28 per cent to £22.3m.

Whessoe.

The group's shares were unchanged at 94p on the results, so the gross dividend of 6.96p, up from 6.34p last year, gives a yield of 7.4 per cent.

Phoenix shares in uptrend

The general recovery trend in underwriting results is reflected in latest figures from Phoenix Assurance.

After being around 40 per cent up at the interior stage, the pre-tax profits improvement has increased to 70 per cent for a total of £27.5m at the months' stage covering the period to September 30:

The figure has been helped by an increase in investment in-come from £22m to £26.3m, but on the underwriting side the fire, accident, marine and avia-

By Richard Allen

tion accounts have turned in a profit of £0.8m compared with a loss of £6.2m last time.

Phoenix reports that United States underwriting results have shown further improvement in the third quarter, showing profits of £900,000 against a £4.8m loss.

The UK fire and accident business loss of 0.5m compares

with £0.2m previously but is still a better result than that of the half-year. Canada and Austraficant losses continue to be re-ported from Belgium and Hol-land.

Business appointments

Lord Farnham for Avon Rubber chair

Lord Farnham, chairman of Brown Shipley Holdings, is to become chairman of Avon Rubber on January 23, succeeding Mr Hugh Rogers, who is retaring from the post, but remains on the board.

Mr A. G. Hatchett, Dr R. Leach and Mr H. F. Spanton will be joining the board of F & O as executive directors from January 1. Mr C. J. Nancarrow has resigned.

Mr James McDonald has been appointed a director of Robertson Foods.

Foods.

Sir Ian Morrow has been made a non-executive director of DAF Trucks (GB).

Mr Bernard Price has been appointed chairman and Mr John Pierce managing director of Sieepeezee, part of the Simmons group. They succeed Mr Donald Drennan who is to become president of Simmons Canada.

Mr G. Allen, deputy man-

aging director of The Carpet Manufacturing Co, has additionally been made a director of Carpets International Group Services, Mr C. M. Plumbe, managing director of Croslee Yaras, joins director of Crosses Maras, Johns Mr Allen as a deputy managing director of CMG, Mr C. D. Mann becomes sales and marketing director. Mr R. Walton, production director of Carpets International (Northern), succeeds Mr Plumbe.

Mr Alton W. Whitehouse has been elected chairman and chief executive officer of Standard Oil, succeeding Mr Charles E. Spahr, who is rectring.

Mr Benjamin Allen has been made a director of Kellock Beld-ines.

Robert Taylor, MP for West Croydon, has been North West Croydon, has been elected chairman of the Building Materials Export Group.

Mr Aubray Goldsmith has been appointed joint managing director.

together with Mr Bernard Dykes, of J. Dykes (Holdings) and its subsidiscies. Mr Gordon Collins has been appointed to the boards of Music for Pleasure and World Records.

Mr John Willsher, managing director of RMI Medical, has been deputy chairman. He is succeeded as managing director by Mr Derak Porman.

Mr J. G. Lithiby has become a non-executive director of Transport Development Group.

port Development Group.

Mr A. S. Noble and Mr J. W. Roberts have been made directors of Debenhams (Properties).

Mr J. H. Ritblat has left the

Mr Frederick Lewis has become managing director of Napcolour. Mr Charles Plant continues as executive chairman.
Mr Roger Boissler has been appointed a non-executive director of Ley's Foundries & Engineering.

talks with Babcock

balance of the Babcock & Wilcox shares.

Dermott had acquired 49 per cent of the Babcock stock and has been negotiating to acquire

in domestic tax from £31,000 to £100,000 and a £9,000 fall in the overseas liability to £547,000. Minorities were £301,000 against £350,000.

The board, headed by Mr Simon Rothery, estimates that second-half profits will exceed those of the first although, if English Card is to match the previous profits level, it must reach at least £1.83m in the October-March period.

The interim dividend is

The interim dividend is stepped up from 1.515p to 1.712p gross a share. Leaderflush profit

but cash is needed A return to profits at Leader-flush (Holdings) is accompanied

by the bad news that structural defects at the group's factory and the need to generally modernize plant will require an injection of capital. It is possible that the group will need to provide for a complete removal to new premises when the present lease expires in 1980. The board is therefore on the lookout for additional capi-tal "to support the companies continued activities".

English

based on

final stage

ings a share come out at 5,2p

against 6p a share after a rise in domestic tax from £81,000 to

Card hopes

Meanwhile a loss of £19,000 has been turned into a trading profit of £20,000 for the six months to June 30 on turus-er 14 per cent up at £1m. There is again no dividend

McDermott resumes Commodities

J. Ray McDermott, the New Orleans-based offshore oil rig builder, says it has resumed talks with representatives of the American Babcock & Wilcox engineering group concerning McDermott's acquisition of the

Under a tender offer. Mc. ment group made an after tage

Last week, J. Ray McDermott said that negotiations were stopped in response to inquiries

takeover bid for Babcock and Wilcox, the steam and nuclear power company. A Stock Ex-change official said that the p.eliminary review had indicated that trading was fair and

voted in favour of proposed; merger. If Supreme Court approves merger will take effect: December 31. Dealings in Hutchl-son Whampon should start January

International

African technical and inven-

profit of 39.6m rand (about)

f22m) in the six months ended

September 30. The company

said that income does rot

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Rembrandt Group

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A year of significant growth for W Riphons

'W' Ribbons Holdings Limited - manufacturers of cargo handling devices, motor car safety belts, and a wide range of industrial webbings.

Results for the year to 30th June 15.170 14.821 JUITOVE: Profit before 13X 1,085 Profit after lax 605 748 Dividend per share 2.245a 2.01a Earnings per share 14,226 18,476

In During the year, the U.K. companies exported more than 45% of their cates turnover — amounting to over \$4 million.

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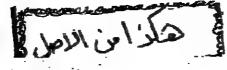
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THE TIMES THURSDAY DECEMBER 8 1977 MARKET REPORTS Eurobond prices (midday indicators) **Commodities** Cuba expects high sugar production should be able to achieve higher sugar production during the present harvest and fulfil both its export quotas to communist countries and its contracts under the international Sugar Agreement. The official newspaper Gramms said the favourable simuation was due to successful preparatory work in both the came fields and industrial installations. Monitoring plan to go before Wall Street LME members The board and committee of the ondon Metal Exchange said esterday their agreement had seen reached on the proposed yatem to monitor members' open New York, Dec. 7.—The New York stock market closed mixed. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 0.52 to 807.43. Declining issues led gainers the entire day, totalling about 815 at the close compared with 575 gainers. EEC in need of high-grade wheat Omaha, Dec 7.—American farmera can expect to sell more high-quality wheat but less feed grain in the European Economic Community this marketing year than last, Mr Herman Delange, the EEC agricultural struché, said. He told the National Farmers' Organization convention here that he expects a decitive in dollar value of United States agricultural expects to the EEC this marketing year, due to greater EEC imports hat year because of drought and to the fall in grain Gold gains up to \$3.10 ### 17. Do Accom ### 25. ### 2 drought and to the fall in grain prices. Mr Delange said European wheat quality is below normal this year. Cons Poods Cous Poods Cous Poods Cous Poods Cous Power Continental Cir Continental Cir Continental Cir Control India Cortol India Corto SSI 300: July SSI SET BERG SS 300 Lindy and Harman of Canada. SS 300 Lindy and Harman of Canada. SS 300 Lindy and Harman of Canada. SS 300 Lindy St 300: July 60.30t; Jan. 63.00t; Jan. 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Hoare & Co ... *7% Lloyds Bank London Mercantile Midland Bank 61% Mat Westminster 71% Rossminster Acc's 5henley Trust 8% TSB 7% Williams and Glyn's 71% tion. h Bid, h Markit alesed. z New Jeste. p Bi o Es div. a Ashed. o Ex dist 3 Traded. y Unquoted. 12,27 (118,40): 65 stocks, 280.80 (230.76) way your Stock Exchange Induction 51.28 (51.55): I ndustrials, 54.54 (15.50): Example 10.21 (40.27): Inspirals, 55.56 (54.00). * 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 4°c. up to £25,000. 4°a'c. over £25,000. 6°c. May, \$162.50-3.00; Jaty, \$165.50-6.00; Ang. \$167.00; 50pt. \$182.00-5.00; Oct. \$164.00-4.50; Dec. \$164.00-4.50; Wheat futures closed with pairs of \$2, to four exhibit a bother. Wheat Dec. 2599-608; Discount market Foreign Credit proved to be well in surphis on Lombard Street yesterday, mainly because money for the balance on the BP shares was not flowing into the Bank of England as quickly as had been anticipated. The Bank finally sold a large amount of Treasury bills. 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Limited Exchange · The dollar lost more ground yes-terday after a mid-session rally from early depressed levels, re-flecting a general lack of confi-dence in America's ability to change its rather bleak economic The Over-the-Counter Market Last Gross Yld Price Chige Divipi & P/E - 42 10.1 7.8 - 18.4 12.3 -- 3.2 9.2 15.3 - 12.0 8.5 9.7 - 5.1 5.0 8.2 17.5 8.1 -- 11.5 7.8 7.1 - 2.4 2.0 10.1 - 5.0 9.6 6.1 - 6.0 5.6 9.9 - 27.0 8.4 5.4 - 12.0 16.6 -- 7.0 10.4 8.3 - 6.4 7.4 6.4 Airsprung Ord 42 Airsprung 183 ° CULS 150 Armitage & Rhodes 36 Bardon Hill 141 25 Armitage & Rhodes 36 2 105 Bardon Hill 141 24 48 Deborah Ord 102 6 104 Deborah 17; 2 CULS 216 7 120 Frederick Parker 147 3 45 Henry Sykes 106 3 36 Jackson Group 52 3 55 James Burrough 108xd 3 Robert Jenkins 320 4 8 Robert Jenkins 320 5 Twinlock Ord 14 5 7 Twinlock 12° ULS 72 5 Unilock Holdings 67 6 Walter Lawrence 87 Up to around \$1.8320-35 at the Up to around \$1.8320-35 at the outset, the pound thereafter fluctuated at a lower level, with dealers divided as to Bank of England participation. 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Stock Exchange Prices

Long gilts stay firm

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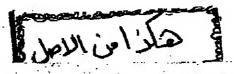
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indements. But Mr Fox conceded that there was a tendency among British In an ideal world Leyland would motorists to be overcritical of the home have launched the three versions of mpg; drivers of the manual car, with product while underplaying trouble its new Rover at the same time, but its five-speed box, should expect to do experienced on foreign cars. This could as the smaller engines were not ready affect the way in which the forms were there was a 16-month gap between 18 and 24 may be steer to do experienced on foreign cars. This could as the smaller engines were not ready affect the way in which the forms were there was a 16-month gap between this model but I was glad to have it. The manual version means 41 turns long wait many people must have from lock to lock and is something of an effort. Timted glass, central locking, the plant of the manual and a cassette player.

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I asked Mr Fox whether the conclusion to be drawn from his reports was provement, if any.

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In allowing of motorists rather more than foreign makes that enjoyed better than additional extension times.

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The Rover 2600—a worthy addition to the range it, so that the choice was eventually between the 3500 at 16,800; the 2600 at 25,850.

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